

Regional Grant Management and Administrative Efficiencies

- Three technical assistance discussions were held in November 2019
- Purpose - discussing WSD18-16 – Guidance on Regional Awards and brainstorming ideas to increase efficiency and streamline the management of regional awards.
- Input received from these sessions has been consolidated into recommendations to be presented to CWDB and EDD Executive Leadership to improve regional grants management.

Recommendations

1. Define the selection process for regional awards as a State-level competitive procurement with Regional Partnerships as the “eligible applicants”

2. Include language, definitions, and timelines that support regional partnership building in State Guidance, RFAs, and subgrants/contracts
3. Develop a Grants Management Handbook that includes requirements for State and Federal grants and is provided to grantees early in the subgrant/contract process
4. Develop a Monitoring Guide on requirements of regional grants and train grantees
5. Allow more flexibility (where possible) for administrative costs (% & definition)
6. Share successful methods of moving funds quickly to partners and share standardized contract language used by county councils and procurement staff
7. Research methods to allow the State to make regional awards but allocate funding to specific LWDB within a region based on specific deliverables, work plans and budgets and as part of Regional MOU/Agreement
8. Consider requesting waivers as part of the next WIOA State Plan.

Managing Regional Awards Recommendations



DEFINE THE SELECTION PROCESS FOR REGIONAL AWARDS AS A STATE-LEVEL COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT WITH REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS AS THE "ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS"



INCLUDE LANGUAGE, DEFINITIONS, AND TIMELINES THAT SUPPORT REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP BUILDING IN STATE GUIDANCE, RFAS, AND SUBGRANTS/CONTRACTS



DEVELOP A GRANTS MANAGEMENT HANDBOOK THAT INCLUDES REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS AND IS PROVIDED TO GRANTEE EARLY IN THE SUBGRANT/CONTRACT PROCESS



DEVELOP A MONITORING GUIDE ON REQUIREMENTS OF REGIONAL GRANTS AND TRAIN GRANTEE



CONSIDER REQUESTING WAIVERS AS PART OF THE NEXT WIOA STATE PLAN.



ALLOW MORE FLEXIBILITY (WHERE POSSIBLE) FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS (% & DEFINITION)



SHARE SUCCESSFUL METHODS OF MOVING FUNDS QUICKLY TO PARTNERS AND SHARE STANDARDIZED CONTRACT LANGUAGE USED BY COUNTY COUNSELS AND PROCUREMENT STAFF



RESEARCH METHODS TO ALLOW THE STATE TO MAKE REGIONAL AWARDS BUT ALLOCATE FUNDING TO SPECIFIC LWDB WITHIN A REGION BASED ON SPECIFIC DELIVERABLES, WORK PLANS AND BUDGETS AND AS PART OF REGIONAL MOU/AGREEMENT