
**COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK
GRANT PROGRAM**

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Information Memorandum

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TO: COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: Programs Authorized Under the Workforce Investment Act: Unified State Plan

RELATED

REFERENCES: The Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA), Section 501, and the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Amendments Act (Perkins III)

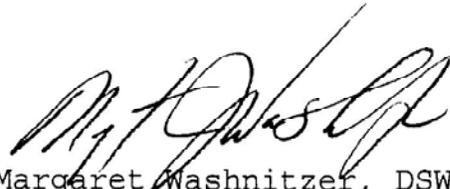
PURPOSE: To inform you that States have the option to submit a unified State plan to coordinate the planning and service delivery efforts of a variety of training and employment-focused programs to better serve their customers. There are States presently involved in this process because CSBG is an authorized program for coordination of its training and employment-focused programs. We believe the unified planning process will promote more and better customer service and outcomes, increase State flexibility in the administration of the programs, improve accountability in terms of measurable outcomes, enhance coordination and collaboration among the participating agencies, reduce duplication of efforts, and make efficient use of Federal and State resources.

A State can include in its unified plan any of the programs that are identified in the Attachment, however, the secondary vocational education programs can be included only with the prior approval of the State legislature. While the unified State plan provides a State the unique opportunity to bring together various agencies in support of a common outcome, each portion of the unified plan must satisfy the Federal requirements applicable to each program included in the plan and must be approved by the appropriate Federal agency.

Members of the Federal Partners' Workgroup have been working together to ensure the effective implementation of the unified State plan provisions of WIA and to reduce the process burden on the States. We hope that you will join in this opportunity to improve the training and employment outcomes for individuals served under WIA.

INQUIRIES TO: Comments and inquires may be sent to:
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ATTACHMENT: Workforce Investment Act of 1998 Legislation



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WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT OF 1998

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Public Law 105-220
105th Congress

TITLE V--GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 501. STATE UNIFIED PLAN.

(a) **Definition of Appropriate Secretary.**--In this section, the term "appropriate Secretary" means the head of the Federal agency who exercises administrative authority over an activity or program described in subsection (b).

(b) **State Unified Plan.**--

(1) **In general.**--A State may develop and submit to the appropriate Secretaries a State unified plan for 2 or more of the activities or programs set forth in paragraph (2), except that the State may include in the plan the activities described in paragraph (2)(A) only with the prior approval of the legislature of the State. The State unified plan shall cover one or more of the activities set forth in subparagraphs (A) through (D) of paragraph (2) and may cover one or more of the activities set forth in subparagraphs (E) through (O) of paragraph (2).

(2) **Activities.**--The activities and programs referred to in paragraph (1) are as follows:

(A) Secondary vocational education programs authorized under the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act (20 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.).

(B) Postsecondary vocational education programs authorized under the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act (20 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.).

(C) Activities authorized under title I.

(D) Activities authorized under title II.

(E) Programs authorized under section 6(d) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2015(d)).

(F) Work programs authorized under section 6(o) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2015(o)).

(G) Activities authorized under chapter 2 of title II of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2271 et seq.).

(H) Programs authorized under the Wagner-Peyser Act (29 U.S.C. 49 et seq.).

(I) Programs authorized under title I of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 720 et seq.), other than section 112 of such Act (29 U.S.C. 732).

(J) Activities authorized under chapter 41 of title 38, United States Code.

(K) Programs authorized under State unemployment compensation laws (in accordance with applicable Federal law).

(L) Programs authorized under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.).

(M) Programs authorized under title V of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3056 et seq.).

(N) Training activities carried out by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

(O) Programs authorized under the Community Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9901 et seq.).

(c) Requirements.--

(1) In general.--The portion of a State unified plan covering an activity or program described in subsection (b) shall be subject to the requirements, if any, applicable to a plan or application for assistance under the Federal statute authorizing the activity or program.

(2) Additional submission not required.--A State that submits a State unified plan covering an activity or program described in subsection (b) that is approved under subsection (d) shall not be required to submit any other plan or application in order to receive Federal funds to carry out the activity or program.

(3) Coordination.--A State unified plan shall include--

(A) a description of the methods used for joint planning and coordination of the programs and activities included in the unified plan; and

(B) an assurance that the methods included an opportunity for the entities responsible for planning or administering such programs and activities to review and comment on all portions of the unified plan.

(d) Approval by the Appropriate Secretaries.--

(1) Jurisdiction.--The appropriate Secretary shall have the authority to approve the portion of the State unified plan relating to the activity or program over which the appropriate Secretary

exercises administrative authority. On the approval of the appropriate Secretary, the portion of the plan relating to the activity or program shall be implemented by the State pursuant to the applicable portion of the State unified plan.

(2) Approval.--

(A) In general.--A portion of the State unified plan covering an activity or program described in subsection (b) that is submitted to the appropriate Secretary under this section shall be considered to be approved by the appropriate Secretary at the end of the 90-day period beginning on the day the appropriate Secretary receives the portion, unless the appropriate Secretary makes a written determination, during the 90-day period, that the portion is not consistent with the requirements of the Federal statute authorizing the activity or program including the criteria for approval of a plan or application, if any, under such statute or the plan is not consistent with the requirements of subsection (c)(3).

(B) Special rule.--In subparagraph (A), the term "criteria for approval of a State plan", relating to activities carried out under title I or II or under the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act (20 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.), includes a requirement for agreement between the State and the appropriate Secretary regarding State performance measures, including levels of performance.