

DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING  
ADMINISTRATOR'S MEMO SERIES

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**TO:** Workforce Development Board Directors

**FROM:** Bruce Palzkill, Assistant Administrator DWD-DET

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*Bruce Palzkill*  
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**RE:** Announcement of Program Year 2021 Rapid Response Annual Allotment Grants

**PURPOSE**

To provide local Workforce Development Boards (WDBs) with a dedicated source of funding to support Rapid Response (RR) activities and to describe the methodology used to determine grant amounts for each of the local WDBs.

**BACKGROUND**

Under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, the State is responsible for carrying out RR activities and/or overseeing the entities it designates to carry out RR activities on its behalf. Wisconsin's Department of Workforce Development (DWD), as Wisconsin's State Workforce Agency, designates the local WDBs to carry out RR activities in their respective local workforce development areas, in collaboration with DWD's Bureau of Job Service (BJS).

Beginning in Program Year 2015, the Department of Workforce Development, Division of Employment and Training (DWD-DET) established the RR Annual Allotment Grants. The RR Annual Allotments are funded through the State's RR reserve and are intended to provide the local WDBs with financial resources to carry out the local RR Program, on behalf of DWD and consistent with DWD-DET's requirements. The RR Annual Allotment must be used for building, maintaining, and operating the local RR Program, which includes staff and related costs for planning, coordination, and provision of local RR services. This grant does not cover costs for BJS staff or costs associated with the provision of training or supportive services to WIOA Title I-B program participants.

**CALCULATION METHODOLOGY**

DWD-DET has allocated a total of \$750,000 in Rapid Response funds to be utilized in Program Year 2021 (PY21). The formula used to calculate the total allotment for each of the 11 local WDBs is based on the same formula allocation used for the Annual WIOA Title I Dislocated Worker funds.

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**Rapid Response PY21 Allocation by  
WDA:**

| WDA Name |               | Rapid Response Allocation -<br>PY21 |                |                  |
|----------|---------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
|          |               | HH                                  | Share          | Allocation*      |
| 1        | Southeast     |                                     | 6.77%          | \$50,789         |
| 2        | Milwaukee     |                                     | 17.89%         | \$134,188        |
| 3        | WOW           |                                     | 6.29%          | \$47,140         |
| 4        | Fox Valley    | X                                   | 5.36%          | \$40,219         |
| 5        | Bay Area      |                                     | 15.03%         | \$112,737        |
| 6        | North Central | X                                   | 8.61%          | \$64,554         |
| 7        | Northwest     |                                     | 4.18%          | \$31,360         |
| 8        | West Central  |                                     | 9.83%          | \$73,694         |
| 9        | Western       |                                     | 6.11%          | \$45,810         |
| 10       | South Central |                                     | 14.27%         | \$107,022        |
| 11       | Southwest     |                                     | 5.66%          | \$42,487         |
|          | <b>Total</b>  |                                     | <b>100.00%</b> | <b>\$750,000</b> |