

Workforce Acceleration Grant Program

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Funding Source

- \$20-28 Million in WIA Adult and Dislocated Worker funds through ARRA
- Despite increase in SSACI funding, increased need and increased demand will result in lower average grants.



Target Population

- **Must be WIA Adult or Dislocated Eligible**
 - 18+ years old
 - In need of additional skills, and unlikely to return to previous occupation/career field
 - Unemployed through no fault of own; impending layoff
 - Low-income: Receives cash payments from public assistance program; total family income at poverty level (\$23,239 for family of four)

Program Overview

- Individuals must sign up at Work One Centers
- Will be “case managed” through Work One
- Limited to occupation-based, terminal certifications and Associate’s degrees
- Eligible students will receive a supplement to existing federal and state grants, up to \$3,000, per year (available for two years), to cover the unfunded cost of education

\$3,000	Tuition
-\$1,000	Pell Grant
-\$500	SSACI Grant
<u>-\$300</u>	<u>Expected Family Contribution</u>
\$1,200	Unfunded Cost of Education



Program Benefits

- Enables adult workers who will receive a reduction in SSACI aid to continue education
- Will relieve adult workers of part or all of their unfunded cost of education
- Case-management approach to program will result in better counseling and better completion rates
- Flexibility of WIA funds will allow for additional supportive services (child care, transportation, etc) to be utilized to improve persistence and attainment