

WIA TITLE I and RELATED ACTIVITIES MANUAL

Chapter 13: Dislocated Worker Programs

Section 13.17 Pre feasibility Grants

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Required Action

Action:

In addition to other the services available as part of Rapid Response Activities, a pre feasibility study grant may be considered for funding.

Who:

Organizations having the capability and experience in assessing feasibility of various job-saving strategies may apply for funding in conjunction with other appropriate Federal, State or Local agencies. Eligible organizations may include: technical councils or other industry business councils; labor organizations; nonprofit organizations or educational organizations.

Background:

In addition to normal rapid response duties, the Dislocated Worker Unit may devise and/or oversee strategies to avert layoffs, such as pre feasibility studies to explore avoiding plant closure along with developing linkages with economic development activities at the State and Federal levels including the Department of Commerce and available State and Local business retention and recruitment strategies. Specific strategies would include employee ownership, other new ownership, new products or production processes, public financial or technical assistance to keep a plant open.

Policy and Procedures:

I. Eligibility organizations may apply for a grant to provide an initial assessment of the feasibility of alternatives to plant closings and substantial layoffs. Grants up to \$15,000 are available. Applications are available from the Dislocated Worker Unit. Applications will be accepted and then reviewed on a timely basis. Generally, a decision will be made within five working days of receipt. The Dislocated Worker Unit may request additional information from applicant organizations. If a proposal for a pre-feasibility grant is not approved, the applicant will be informed of the reasons that it was not approved.

Cites/References: Workforce Investment Act Section 134(a)(2)(A)(ii), Workforce Investment Act Regulations, 20 CFR Section 665.320 (d)(1)

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