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FROM: Cody Waits, Executive Director
Eddie Thomas, Director - Office of Employment & Training

TO: Local Workforce Development Area Administrators/Service Providers

SUBJECT: PY 2026 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title I – Youth, Adult and Dislocated Worker Activities Program Allocation, Funding Information

Purpose: To provide PY 2026 WIOA Title I – Youth, Adult and Dislocated Worker activities, program allocations funding information to local workforce development areas.

General Information: Allocations were calculated according to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Of 2014, Public Law 113-128, as follows.

Youth Activities allocations were calculated according to Section 128(b)(2)
Adult Activities allocations were calculated according to Section 133(b)(2)(A)
Dislocated Worker Activities allocations were calculated according to Section 133(b)(2)(B)(iii)

The attached document(s) provides information on the allotment to the State of Arkansas and local area funding estimates.

Special Notes:

- Per WIOA Section 133(b)(4), a local board may transfer up to 100 percent of funds between the Adult and Dislocated Worker funding streams if approved by the Governor
- This issuance provides the total PY 2026 allocation for each Title I funding stream.
- Youth Activities funding will have an effective date of April 1, 2026. Adult and Dislocated Worker funding will have an effective date of July 1, 2026 and October 1, 2026, for the balance of each allocation.
- A separate communication will provide local workforce development areas with instructions on the submission of the PY 2026 WIOA award packages

Action Required: Please ensure that this information is provided to the appropriate staff involved in the preparation of PY 2026 WIOA award packages.

Inquires: Angela Cook, E&T Assistant Director, Angela.Cook@arkansas.gov or WIOATA@arkansas.gov

Attachments:
Title I PY26 Planning Estimates

- Youth Calculations Planning Estimates
- Adult Calculations Planning Estimates
- Dislocated Worker Calculations Planning Estimates
- Local Area Overview Planning Estimates

Expiration Date: June 30, 2027