

**Franklin Hampshire Workforce Investment Area
PUBLIC NOTICE**

Executive Summary of the FY2016 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Annual Plan

The Franklin Hampshire Regional Employment Board (FHREB), in partnership with the Workforce Innovations and Opportunity Act's Chief Elected Officials Northampton Mayor David J. Narkewicz and Greenfield Mayor William F. Martin, as well as Mayor Karen Cadieux of Easthampton, is required to prepare a plan for spending the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funds. Planning charts and budgets are being updated, as well as a list of the narrative questions we will be responding to. The F/H region expects to receive approximately \$2,122,419 million in WIOA and Wagner Peyser funds.

The Regional Employment Board will utilize WIOA and Wagner Peyser funding to continue specific workforce initiatives for Adults, Dislocated Workers, and Youth and to deliver services to both job seekers and employers.

The Franklin Hampshire Workforce Investment Area has taken a leadership role in integrating workforce development initiatives with community partnerships that support business recovery; growth and enhancement of worker skills; alignment with adult literacy programs to create career directed employment opportunities for learners; and summer youth work experience. The REB welcomes questions and comments from key stakeholders on the workforce development and economic development issues that need to be addressed in the region.

Interested parties may submit written comments on this document by Noon, July 9th, 2015 to the FHREB at the address below or email bacarson@fhreb.org.

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Greenfield, MA 01301
413-773-1835**

The complete required FY2016 Workforce Development Plan will be available on the REB's website by close of business no later than July 17th at <http://www.franklinhampshirereb.org>. Copies will also be available at the following locations:

**Franklin Hampshire Career Center
One Arch Place, Greenfield, MA 01301
413/774-4361**

**Franklin Hampshire Career Center
178 Industrial Boulevard, Suite 1, Northampton, MA 01060
413/586-6506**

**Franklin Hampshire Career Center
131 West Main Street, Suite 2, 2nd Floor
Orange, Massachusetts 01364**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

<u>WIOA Funds</u>	<u>FY'15</u>	<u>FY16</u>
WIOA Wagner Peyser 10% & 90%	\$390,078	\$387,758
WIOA Adult	\$383,439	\$438,538
WIOA Dislocated Worker	\$462,023	\$522,486
WIOA Youth	\$683,072	\$773,637
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$1,918,612</u>	<u>\$2,122,419</u>

Wagner-Peyser

- Wagner Peyser funds core employment services, labor market information and labor exchange to universal customers in the Franklin Hampshire Career Centers
- Approximately 6,500 job seekers will receive labor exchange services this fiscal year
- Approximately 700 employers will be served this fiscal year
- **Non-WIOA/Wagner** Peyser funding sources are marketed to and provide services to employers in FH region, such as the Workforce Training fund, and other state and federal grant opportunities

Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs

- Over 200 adults and dislocated workers will be served
- Adult job seekers will have access to core , intensive and enhanced employment and training services offered thru the Franklin Hampshire Career Center system
- Access to job search and placement assistance, interviewing preparation, resume preparation, job listings and employer recruitments, job club, labor market information and various job search workshops
- Programs are targeted to economically disadvantaged adults and dislocated workers
- Training opportunities include customer choice training thru the Individual Training Accounts (ITA) that help pay for cost of approved training programs, approved group Occupational Skills Training and/or Adult Basic Education (ABE) and/or (ESOL)
- Training for jobs will continue to be targeted in emerging and growth industries which align with the region's strategic plan, including healthcare, manufacturing, and the educational service sector. Green Jobs, Agriculture/Food Systems, and IT are additional areas of interest.
- Training for unemployment insurance claimants will be a priority

Youth Program

- Approximately 80 youth will be served by the WIOA year round youth programming for those youth interested in continuing their education and employment goals targeted at low income, at-risk youth
- A minimum of 75% of youth to be served will be out-of-school

FULL PLAN WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE CAREER CENTERS on July 17, 2015.