

Franklin Hampshire Workforce Development Area
PUBLIC NOTICE
FY2017 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Annual Plan

The Franklin Hampshire Regional Employment Board (FHREB), in partnership with the Workforce Innovation 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 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funds. Planning charts and budgets are being updated. With the workforce system still transitioning to WIOA, and final regulations for the new Workforce Act not yet published, no narrative is required this year. The F/H region expects to receive approximately **\$1,795,547** in WIOA and Wagner Peyser funds, a 15.4% drop in allocations. A draft Executive Summary is available on the REB website at www.franklinhampshirereb.org [and also appears below]

The Regional Employment Board and the Franklin Hampshire Career Center 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. In keeping with WIOA priorities, the Board and Career Center will also continue to focus on streamlining customer service through coordination with Workforce Partners, building career pathways, developing sector partnerships, and an integrated service design.

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 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 the above issues or on the draft Executive Summary by Noon, July 12th, 2016 to the FHREB at the address below or email info@fhreb.org.

Franklin Hampshire Regional Employment Board
One Arch Place
Greenfield, MA 01301
413-773-1835

The complete required FY2017 Workforce Development Plan will be available on the REB's website by close of business no later than July 19th 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'16</u> | <u>FY17</u> |
|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| WIOA Wagner Peyser 10% & 90% | \$387,758 | \$396,677 |
| WIOA Adult | \$438,538 | \$350,013 |
| WIOA Dislocated Worker | \$522,486 | \$444,385 |
| WIOA Youth | \$773,637 | \$604,472 |
| <u>TOTAL</u> | <u>\$2,122,419</u> | <u>\$1,795,547</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 **5100 job seekers** will receive labor exchange services this fiscal year
- Approximately **725 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

- Approximately **142 adults and dislocated workers** will be served.
- Adult job seekers will have access to career services and enhanced employment and training services offered through the Franklin Hampshire Career Center system.
- Access to job search resources, interviewing preparation, resume preparation, job listings and employer recruitments, labor market information and various job search workshops will be provided.
- Programs are targeted to economically disadvantaged adults and dislocated workers.
- Training opportunities include staff-guided 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, IT, and the Transportation sector are additional areas of interest.
- Training for unemployment insurance claimants will be a priority.

Youth Program

- Approximately **62 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 youth.

FULL PLAN WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE CAREER CENTERS on July 19th, 2016.