

TO: WIB ARRA Sub-Committee Members
FROM: Virginia H. Turano, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Submission of ARRA Information for Review and Approval
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As was discussed at our inaugural Sub-Committee meeting on June 22, 2009, I am providing here an update on what has been happening during the past six weeks. I had wanted to get this to you more frequently but, the Operational Plan, as posted on our website, took precedence.

Attached are the actual draw down of funds reporting forms for the draw down submission dates of:

6-26-09	\$54,000
7-7-09	59,000
7-16-09	86,868
7-30-09	95,568
8-7-09	<u>38,372</u>
Total -	\$338,808
	+ <u>128,600</u> (Draws reported at 6-22-09 Meeting)
Total ARRA draws to date -	\$467,408

Currently, we have authority to spend 40%, by funding stream (Adult, Dislocated Worker, Youth) of our total grant of \$1,872,936 or \$714,174 so we are well within the overall limit. The release of the remaining 60% of the funds was dependent on passage of the State budget but, to my knowledge based on verbal reports from Commonwealth officials, these fund were included for release in the Governor's stop-gap measure last week and should start to flow shortly.

To date, the following activities have been supported with these funds:

Youth Funding Stream

- 200 youngsters between the ages of 14 and 24 enrolled in summer work experience activity.

- 135 ages 14-18 (considered as a in-school youth population)
- 65 ages 18-24 (considered as an out-of-school youth population)
(the overlap of age 18 is dependent on their actual school enrollment status)
- The following activities, as acquired and implemented through a formal Request for Proposal process, for 104+ enrollees were supplemental to their work experience placements:
 - Johnson College - 28 participants – 30hours of academic enrichment in applied mathematics, reading and work readiness activities;
 - Lackawanna College – 16 participants – 100 hours of remedial instruction in reading, math, and career exploration;
 - United Neighborhood Centers – 16 participants – employed as camp counselors with extra duties assigned including conducting AM and PM classes in job readiness techniques and remedial instruction;
 - Boy Scouts – 4 participants – career exploration activities including visits/speakers: a pilot, medical profession personnel, judiciary career people, etc. with participation in a peer-building rope course.
- Also conducted by summer program in-house staff for 40+ students, career exploration and work readiness activities including a tour of the University of Scranton. These classes were held at the Youth Career Center, 134 Franklin Avenue, Scranton, with off-site activities conducted at additional worksites to eliminate travel for participants.

Adult/Dislocated Worker (DW) Funding Streams

- 43 Individual Training Accounts (ITAs) (10 Adults; 33 DWs) issued , mainly in the areas of CNC machining, CDL/Heavy equipment operators, medical office/assistant, nurses aide
- 7 On-The-Job Training (OJT) Contracts (all DWs) in the machine operator; powder-coating fields.
- Commencement of enrollments into the courses/classes approved at the 6-22-09 meeting:

1) Smith & Solomon CDL/OSHA/Forklift Operator	5	Class start: 8-10-09	5 weeks
2) Revolutionary Nursing	10	Class start: 8-3-09	8 weeks
3) Lackawanna College (LC) GED/Nurse Aide 2 sites – Scranton; Carbondale		Currently recruiting/rostering	
4) Johnson College (JC) Industrial Maintenance Mechanic		Currently recruiting/rostering	
5) LC Accounting Technician		Currently recruiting	

6) LC Nurses Aide with Hispanic Cultural Competency	Currently recruiting
7) Career Technology Center (CTC) Welding	Currently recruiting
8) PSU Production Management Certificate	Under development
9) JC Residential Energy Efficiency Certificate	Under development
10) LC Paramedic with Hispanic Cultural Competency	Under development
11) LC GED with Medical Office Certificate	Under development
12) Luzerne County Community College (LCCC) Nurses Aide at St. Mary's Villa	Under development