ECONOMIC SECURITY FOR ALL (EcSA) 200% ABOVE POVERTY LEVEL
POLICY #: 3039

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PURPOSE:
To ensure Workforce Southwest Washington (WSW) policy compliance set forth in Washington Information Notice (WIN) 0135 and (WIN) 0129 Change 2 which allows for Federal and State Economic Security for All (EcSA) eligibility for those household’s whose income is above 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

BACKGROUND:
Economic Security for All (EcSA) is a poverty reduction model that coordinates existing programs to increase their collective ability to support low-income Washingtonians in their pursuit of equity, dignity, and sustained self-sufficiency.

This document has been created to establish a local policy to expanded EcSA eligibility criteria for those household’s whose income is above 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and enroll participants who meet factors that make an participant likely to fall into poverty.

Note: To avoid ambiguity, programs funded by the Governor’s WIOA statewide activities funds will be called Federal EcSA, while those funded by state general funds will be called State EcSA.

POLICY:
WSW designated portions of Federal and State EcSA enrollments to serve individuals whose documentation shows their household income in excess of 200% of the FPL but are at risk of falling below 200% of the FPL.

a. Individuals must meet basic eligibility requirements of one of the WIOA Title IB Formula Programs; and
b. Be below self-sufficiency wage as defined by the UW Self-Sufficiency calculator; or

  c. Are at risk of falling into poverty based on:
     i. Recent or pending lay-off or upcoming loss of employment
     ii. Change or increase in family size
     iii. Loss of housing
     iv. Previously incarcerated or justice involved individuals
     v. End of unemployment insurance payments or other public assistance
     vi. Status as a recent victim of domestic violence or stalking

Once enrolled, EcSA participants over 200% of the FPL must be served in accordance with all the same rules and polices that govern individuals enrolled below 200% of the FPL. For State EcSA participants over 200% FPL, see below “state EcSA” for specific guidelines. Funding expended for participants over 200% of the FPL may not exceed
$5,000 spent on incentives, support services, and training costs combined for any single participant.

Co-enrollment into formula and/or discretionary grants is recommended but not required. All eligibility criteria are required to be met for all programs of enrollment.

Documentation requirements to serve individuals over the 200% of the FPL includes the following (where applicable):

- Layoff letter
- Documentation showing the end of benefits
- Eviction notice
- Self-attestation. While allowable, self-attestation is a last resort option when no other documentation is available. Self-attestation as documentation requires a detailed case note explaining the circumstances that place the participants at risk and follows local policy TA Memo 21, Rev 2 Case Noting.

Federal EcSA
- The WSW subrecipient contracted to implement and serve Federal EcSA eligible participants are not required to serve those above the 200% FPL.
- WSW designated 15% of Federal EcSA enrollments to serve individuals whose documentation shows their household income in excess of 200% of the FPL but are at risk of falling below 200% of the FPL.

State EcSA
- The WSW subrecipient contracted to implement and serve State EcSA eligible participants are required to serve those above 200% FPL.
- As designated in subrecipient’s contract State EcSA PY23 funds are to serve individuals whose documentation shows their household income in excess of 200% of the FPL but are at risk of falling below 200% of the FPL.
- State EcSA funded support services are now required to add a Type of Resource Provide into statewide MIS system for tracking purposes (see WIN 0129 Change2, Attachment B, p. 13)

PROCEDURES:
Enrollment guidance and procedures are available in WIN 0135, Attachment A and WIN 0129 Change 2, Attachment B.

When enrolling a participant into either State or Federal EcSA, Select the program “Economic Security for All,” and then answer the question that populations “Household income greater than 200% of the Federal Poverty Level” with either a yes or no, depending on their income status.
Use of the State and Federal EcSA funds, monitoring, and performance measures follow WSW statement of work and contracted obligations.

REFERENCES/RESOURCES:
TA Memo 21, Rev 2 Case Noting
WIN 0135
WIN 0129 Change 2

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