



ECONOMIC SECURITY FOR ALL (EcSA) 200% ABOVE POVERTY LEVEL POLICY #: 3039 Rev 1

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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 4](#) 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 and support services combined for any single participant.** This does not include the cost of staff support or career services provided to the participant, or any training costs. **This limit is exclusively applied to the State EcSA program and does not include any costs paid by other funds such as WIOA, Federal EcSA, or EcSA Community Reinvestment Funds.**

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):

- a. Layoff letter
- b. Documentation showing the end of benefits.
- c. Eviction notice
- d. 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 Change 4, Attachment B, p. 13](#))

PROCEDURES:

Enrollment guidance and procedures are available in [WIN 0135, Attachment A](#) and [WIN 0129 Change 4, 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 populates "Household income greater than 200% of the Federal Poverty Level" with either a yes or no, depending on their income status.

Review the seeker's personal data on the Demographics at Enrollment Tab. If needed, impersonate the seeker and use their Job Match |

Program of Enrollment *

Economic Security for All (EcSA) ▼

Household income greater than 200% of Federal Poverty Level *

Yes

No

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 4](#)

WEBSITE:

<http://workforcesw.org/providers#OperationsPolicies>

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