



Economic Security for All - ELIGIBILITY POLICY #3501 Rev 4

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PURPOSE

Economic Security for All (EcSA), is an initiative intended to build on already existing programs to streamline access to existing services and benefits to help more low-income families move out of poverty in their pursuit of equity, dignity, and sustained self-sufficiency.

BACKGROUND

In the 2024 Legislative session, the Washington State legislature codified the State Economic Security for All program into law at RCW 43.164. In the 2025 Legislative session, the Legislature and Governor's office maintained the base funding to the State EcSA program of \$12.4 million over the biennium

POLICY

EcSA program design is intended to:

1. Meet or exceed our local goals for the number of people moving to self-sufficiency, in order to demonstrate this model for moving people out of poverty with equity.
2. Bundle WIOA and non-WIOA services (SNAP, housing, many others) to stabilize customer's lives, conveniently and with dignity for the customer.
3. Establish and implement customized career plans to reach 100% of participant Self-Sufficiency, as established by the UW self-sufficiency calculator.
4. Provide extensive wrap-around services and continue bundling benefits to maintain stability as customers pursue their customized career plan, continuously until they reach Self-Sufficiency.
5. Include Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities, rural communities and people experiencing poverty in program design and implementation.
6. Work collaboratively across local, state, and federal levels to remove barriers to coordinated delivery of multiple benefits.

To properly measure the accomplishment of these goals, Subrecipients are expected to comply with the following requirements for **State EcSA**:

1. After enrolling into the program in accordance with the State EcSA policy and guidance, all participants must be tracked in ETO (or its successor) according to the case management policies and procedures required by the WIOA Title I-B program.

2. Participants must be assessed using the UW Self-Sufficiency Calculator and their information stored at program entry and upon attainment of employment in a manner that allows all parties overseeing the implementation of the self-sufficiency calculator to collect and record this data to assess performance, and to demonstrate whether the client has reached their self-sufficiency goal.
3. For the purposes of all State EcSA programs, Self-Sufficiency is defined as Attainment of 100% of household Self-Sufficiency, as established through use of the UW Self-Sufficiency Calculator.
4. Every EcSA client must be provided with information about other workforce, education, and human services that may be of value to them by using the Bundled Services Desk Aid provided by ESD or a local equivalent that has been approved by ESD.
5. Subrecipients must recruit in a manner that reaches out to BIPOC, and/or unhoused/in rural communities, with the intention of increasing the proportion of these populations that are served over time.

A. Participant Eligibility

To participate in EcSA, the participant must meet eligibility for the specific funding source being used. 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.

1. State EcSA–

a. **People experiencing poverty - Under 200%** of Federal Poverty Line (FPL) must:

- i. Be from a household (as defined by [Health and Human Services \(HHS\) poverty guidelines](#)) that is below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level and
- ii. Meet basic eligibility requirements for any of the three WIOA Title I-B Formula Programs, excluding requirements to register for Selective Service.

b. **People demonstrating financial need - Over 200%** of Federal Poverty Line (FPL) Participants:

- i. Meet basic eligibility requirements for any of the three WIOA Title I-B Formula Programs, excluding requirements to register for Selective Service and
- ii. Require employment or training-related services to achieve self-sufficiency.
- iii. Be below self-sufficiency goal as defined by the UW Self-Sufficiency calculator.

The WSW subrecipient contracted to implement and serve State EcSA eligible participants **are required** to serve those above 200% FPL. State EcSA funds are to serve people who **demonstrate financial need**.

For the purposes of establishing self-sufficiency using the Washington State Self-Sufficiency Calculator, household size is defined as persons residing in the household who are related by blood, marriage or decree of court. Unmarried couples and their children are also considered part of the household.

PROCEDURES

Enrollment and service guidance and procedures are available in [Employment Security Department Program Policy 7000](#) Below are the minimum requirements for documenting eligibility for each program.

1. State EcSA– Subrecipient is required to maintain documentation that verifies the following for **all** participants:
 - a. Identity
 - b. U.S. Citizenship or otherwise legally entitled to work in the U.S.
 - c. Age
 - d. income status

2. State EcSA– Subrecipient is required to maintain documentation and information that verifies the participant is **above 200%** of the Federal Poverty Line. Documentation could include:
 - a. Layoff letter
 - b. Pay Stub
 - c. Self- Sufficiency Score

Note: To better facilitate co-enrollment and local monitoring, the documents permitted to verify eligibility criteria are the same as outlined in the [WSW Eligibility Handbook](#) for WIOA Title I programs, including self-attestation.

Once enrolled, EcSA participants over 200% of the FPL must be served in accordance with all the same rules and policies that govern individuals enrolled below 200% of the FPL.

When enrolling a participant into State EcSA in ETO, select the corresponding Economic Security for All program, 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 profile to m:

Program of Enrollment *

Economic Security for All (EcSA) ▼

Household income greater than 200% of Federal Poverty Level

Yes

No

Clear Selection

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

Program of Enrollment *

State-funded Economic Security for All (EcSA) ▼

Household income greater than 200% of Federal Poverty Level

Yes

No

Clear Selection

REFERENCES/RESOURCES

- Rescinds WSW Policy #3039
- [TA Memo 21, Rev 3 Case Noting](#)
- [WIN 0135](#)
- [WIN 0140](#)
- [ESD's State Guidance and Instructions for the State Economic Security for All \(EcSA\) Program Policy #7000 Rev 3](#)
- [WSW Eligibility Handbook – Attachment A](#)

SUPERSIDES

- [WIN 0129 Revision 4](#)
- WSW's Thrive Eligibility Policy #3501 effective date 4/15/2024
- WSW's Economic Security for All – Eligibility Policy #3501 Rev 2 effective date 10/16/2025
- WSW's Economic Security for All – Eligibility Policy #3501 Rev 3 effective date 12/9/2025

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