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Opportunity Grant Statement of Work – PY2009

1. Program Goal: Help individuals improve their skills at technical colleges, earn certificates or degrees and pursue career pathways to better jobs in high-demand occupations, including registered apprenticeships.
2. Funding: The Department of Workforce Development will provide up to \$1,500,000 for PY2009. This amount will be distributed to each Workforce Development Board based on the relative number of economically disadvantaged individuals living in the Workforce Development Area as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics from the 2000 Census.
3. One million, two hundred thousand dollars of these funds will cover tuition costs and up to \$300,000 will be available for wrap around services.
4. Program Requirements:
 - a. Eligibility - Applicant:
 - i. Financial: Applicants must be at least 18 years old, be employed or in temporary lay off status (with documentation) but earning a family income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Income inclusion/exclusion will follow methods and procedure established for WIA.
 - ii. Educational: Applicant must possess a High School diploma or equivalent and enrolling half-time or less in Technical college classes. Full-time college enrollees are not eligible for Opportunity Grants.
 - b. Eligible Field of Study: Occupational training must be consistent with the WDB determined demand occupations or in support of regional sector strategies including healthcare, advanced manufacturing, biotechnology, information technology and energy.
 - c. Tuition Defined: Tuition costs include instructional costs and fees paid directly to the school, books and consumable supplies/materials. Opportunity Grants for tuition may be authorized for up to \$1,000.
 - d. Wrap-around Service Defined: Wrap-around services include the cost of uniforms, tools, licensure exam fees, transportation assistance, childcare and other supports necessary for the successful participation in training. Wrap-around services are capped at \$250 per enrollee. WDB's may use up to \$50 of the \$250 wrap-around services dollars to cover some of the case management cost necessary for the issuance of an Opportunity Grant.
 - e. Recruitment: Workforce Development Boards are responsible for recruiting through agreements with the Community Action Agencies, Job Service and other community based organizations.
 - f. Assessment: All eligible applicants will receive an assessment. Each eligible applicant receiving an assessment would be enrolled into and have services tracked in ASSET.
 - g. Workforce Development Boards may use their ITA system to authorize and process payments (subject to the authorized amounts above) for the management of the Opportunity Grants.
 - h. Workforce Development Boards are encouraged to leverage Opportunity Grants with other available funds, especially WIA funding.
 - i. Opportunity Grants may not be used to supplant WIA training funds.

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WDA Name	*Adult % of State Economic Disadvantaged	Tuition Grants	Numb er of Grants	Support Services	Total Award
Southeast	7.12%	\$ 86,000	86	\$ 21,500	\$ 107,500
Milwaukee	25.69%	\$ 309,000	309	\$ 77,250	\$ 386,250
WOW	3.44%	\$ 41,000	41	\$ 10,250	\$ 51,250
Fox Valley	6.76%	\$ 81,000	81	\$ 20,250	\$ 101,250
Bay Area	8.08%	\$ 97,000	97	\$ 24,250	\$ 121,250
North Central	5.85%	\$ 70,000	70	\$ 17,500	\$ 87,500
Northwest	15.93%	\$ 191,000	191	\$ 47,750	\$ 238,750
West Central	6.44%	\$ 77,000	77	\$ 19,250	\$ 96,250
Western	5.28%	\$ 63,000	63	\$ 15,750	\$ 78,750
South Central	10.92%	\$ 131,000	131	\$ 32,750	\$ 163,750
Southwest	4.49%	\$ 54,000	54	\$ 13,500	\$ 67,500
Total	100.00%	\$1,200,000	1,200	\$ 300,000	\$ 1,500,000

* Based on BLS projections of Economically Disadvantaged living in the WDA during the 2000 Census