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Workforce Development Agency (WDA)
Policy Issuance (PI): 13-12, Change 2

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To: Area Community Services Employment & Training (ACSET) Council, Calhoun Intermediate School District, Capital Area Michigan Works!, Detroit Employment Solutions Corporation (DESC), Macomb/St. Clair Workforce Development Board, Oakland County Michigan Works!, Washtenaw County Michigan Works!, and Southeast Michigan Community Alliance (SEMCA).

From: Gary Clark, Director, Office of Talent Development Services
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Subject: Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Refugee Program (TRP)

Programs Affected: Partnership. Accountability. Training. Hope. (PATH)

References: Reauthorization of the TANF Program; Final Rule, 45 CFR Parts 261, 262, 263, and 265; Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996

Refugee Resettlement Program, Federal Register 45 CFR, Part 400 and 401

Rescissions: None

Background: The PATH program was established to assist public assistance applicants/recipients and low-wage workers to succeed in the labor market. The Department of Human Services (DHS), Office of Refugee Services (ORS) has provided additional employment support services to refugees that receive TANF cash assistance through the Family Independence Program (FIP). A refugee is a person who has been forced from his or her home and crossed an international border for safety. He or she must have a well-founded fear of persecution in his or her native country, on account of race,



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religion, or nationality, membership in a particular social group or political opinion.

The PATH program is a partnership between the Michigan Works! Agencies (MWAs), DHS, and the WDA.

The number of refugees coming into the country is highly variable. It is not possible to state for certain the number of participants that will be served in a given year. However, the ORS has identified seven counties in Michigan that will be serving FIP to the majority of refugees. Those counties are Calhoun, Kent, Ingham, Macomb, Oakland, Wayne and Washtenaw.

The ORS has contracted with refugee contractors to provide employment support services exclusively to MWA-referred refugees who are receiving FIP.

This policy issuance allocates General Fund/General Purpose (GF/GP) funding for the administration of the TANF refugee program in the amount of \$221,383.

Policy:

This policy issuance allocates GF/GP refugee funding in the amount of \$221,383. This award increases the FY 2014 refugee funding to a total of \$905,383. This funding must be utilized for the administration of the TANF refugee program.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

The TRP seeks to provide FIP applicants/recipients with employment-related services, training and supportive services to obtain and retain employment. The MWA is required to serve all refugees who are referred. All refugees who have not attained United States (U.S.) citizenship and have lived in the U.S. five years or less are eligible for TANF FIP services.

The PRWORA established a five-year lifetime limit on receipt of federal TANF assistance for adult-headed families. Beginning October 2, 2011, Michigan implemented stricter enforcement of the federal 60-month time limit, as well as executed the state's 48-month lifetime limit. The begin date for the federal time limit is October 1, 2006, and the state time limit begin date is October 1, 2007. The PATH program will **not** provide any services to PATH participants once their case closes due to the client reaching either time limit.

Action:

Affected MWA officials shall prepare and submit a Budget Information Summary within 30 days of the official date of this policy issuance via the internet e-mail system to Pam Vance at Vancep1@michigan.gov.

Inquiries: Questions regarding this policy issuance should be directed to Ms. Yvette Harris at (517) 241-0092 or by e-mail to HarrisY@michigan.gov.

**Expiration
Date:** Ongoing

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**Fiscal Year 2014 TANF Refugee Program
Allocations**

Michigan Works! Agency	Estimated Number of Refugees to Be Served	Current TANF Allocation	GF/GP Allocation	Total Allocation
ACSET	134	\$46,174	\$30,000	\$76,174
Calhoun ISD	37	\$12,750	\$8,000	\$20,750
Capital Area	207	\$71,329	\$25,000	\$96,329
Detroit Employment Solutions Corp.	62	\$21,365	\$12,000	\$33,365
Macomb/St. Clair Workforce Development Board	888	\$305,991	-0-	\$305,991
Oakland County	521	\$179,528	\$117,275	\$296,803
Southeast Michigan Community Alliance	116	\$39,971	\$26,000	\$65,971
Washtenaw County	20	\$6,892	\$3,108	\$10,000
Total	1,985	\$684,000	\$221,383	\$905,383

**PATH
GF/GP Refugee
BUDGET INFORMATION SUMMARY (BIS)
INSTRUCTIONS**

SECTION I - IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

1. Michigan Works! Agency (MWA): Enter the name of the MWA.
2. MWA Number: Enter the number assigned to the MWA.
3. Policy Issuance (PI) Number: Enter the appropriate PI number (and change if applicable). “13-12, Change 2” has been preprinted.
4. Plan Period: Identify the time period covered by the specific plan action. “10/01/13 through 09/30/14” has been preprinted.
5. Grant Name: Enter the grant name. “FY 14 General Fund/General Purpose” has been preprinted.
6. Project Name: Enter the project name. “Refugee” has been preprinted.

SECTION II - TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE

1. Initial Allocation: Enter initial GF/GP amount allocated for the plan period.
2. Additional Allocation: Enter Additional Allocation amount for the plan period.
3. Total Allocation: Enter total allocation allocated for the plan period.

SECTION III - CURRENT PLANNED EXPENDITURES BY COST CATEGORY

1. Direct Client Services: Enter the amount to be spent for Direct Client Services during the plan period. This amount should include all Direct Administrative Costs associated with the delivery of the Direct Client Services, including the cost for contracts devoted entirely to program services.

Examples of Direct Administrative Costs taken from the GF/GP Regulations:

- Providing program information to clients.
- Screening and assessments.
- Development of employability plans.
- Work activities.
- Work supports.
- Case management.

- Salaries and benefits for staff providing program services.
 - Program related supplies, equipment, travel, postage, utilities, rental, and maintenance of office space.
- a. Work Subsidies: Enter the amount to be spent on work subsidies during the plan period.

Work subsidies include: payments to employers or third parties to help cover the costs of employee wages, benefits, supervision, or training. Do not include expenditures related to payments to participants in community service and work experience activities that are within the definition of assistance.

- b. Education/Training Activities: Enter the amount to be spent on education/training activities during the plan period.

Education/training activities include: satisfactory attendance at secondary school or in a course of study leading to a certificate of general equivalence; education directly related to employment (may include adult basic skills education and English as a Second Language [ESL]); and vocational education training (includes vocational occupational training, condensed vocational training and internships, practicums, and clinicals; and may also include ESL, basic and remedial education).

- c. Other Work Activities: Enter the amount to be spent on other work activities during the plan period.

Other work activities include: (a) work activities that have not been reported as education or work subsidies (including staff costs related to providing work experience and community service activities, on-the-job training, job search and job readiness, and job skills training); (b) related services (such as employment counseling, coaching, job development, information and referral, and outreach to business and non-profit community groups); and (c) other work-related expenses. Include such costs when provided as part of a diversion program or as transitional services to individuals who ceased to receive assistance due to employment.

2. Supportive Services: Enter the amount to be spent for each of the supportive service cost categories during the plan period.

- a. Auto Purchases: Enter the cumulative amount to be spent on auto purchases for the plan period.

- b. Public Transportation Allowances: Enter the cumulative amount to be spent on public transportation allowances for the plan period. This amount includes any fees related to open-door public transportation, such as bus tokens, taxi fares, etc.

- c. Auto-Related Expenses: Enter the cumulative amount to be spent on auto-related expenses during the plan period. This amount includes automobile repairs, participant mileage reimbursement, license and registration fees, etc.

- d. Other Supportive Services: Enter the cumulative amount to be spent on other supportive services during the plan period. This amount includes mileage paid to volunteer drivers, clothing/uniform allowances, professional tools, business start-up expenses, moving expenses, etc.
3. Administration: Enter the amount to be spent for each of the administrative cost categories during the plan period.

- a. General Administrative Costs: Limited to 12 percent of the MWA's allocated fund. Enter the cumulative amount to be spent on costs associated with the general administration and coordination of the program for the plan period.

Examples of General Administrative Costs taken from the GF/GP Regulations:

1. Salaries and benefits of staff performing administrative and coordination functions.
 2. Preparation of program plans, budgets, and schedules.
 3. Monitoring of programs and projects.
 4. Fraud and abuse units.
 5. Procurement activities.
 6. Public relations.
 7. Services related to accounting, litigation, audits, management of property, payroll, and personnel.
 8. Costs for the goods and services required for the administration of the programs (e.g., supplies, equipment, postage, utilities, rental and maintenance of office space).
 9. Travel costs incurred for official business.
 10. Management and information systems not related to the tracking and monitoring of TANF requirements (e.g., payroll system for the MWA staff).
 11. Preparing reports and other documents.
- b. Information Technology/Computerization: (Not limited to a percentage of funding.) For the plan period, enter the cumulative amount to be spent on the information technology and computerization needed for the tracking and monitoring required by TANF. This includes the salaries and benefits of staff that develop, maintain, support, and/or operate the tracking and monitoring portions of the information technology or computer systems. Contracts for such services are included in this cost category.
4. Total Planned Expenditures: Enter the total of the lines above to obtain the total planned expenditures for the plan period.

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1. Michigan Works! Agency (MWA):		2. MWA Number:	
3. Policy Issuance Number: 13-12, Change 2		4. Plan Period: 10/01/13 through 09/30/14	
5. Grant Name: FY 14 GENERAL FUND/GENERAL PURPOSE		6. Project Name: REFUGEE	

SECTION II - TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE

Funding Source: GF/GP	Amount
1. Initial Allocation	\$
2. Additional Allocation	\$
3. Total Allocation	

SECTION III - CURRENT PLANNED EXPENDITURES BY COST CATEGORY

Cost Category	Amount
1. Direct Client Services (incl. Direct Administrative Costs)	
a. Work Subsidies	\$
b. Education/Training Activities	\$
c. Other Work Activities	\$
2. Supportive Services	
a. Auto Purchases	\$
b. Public Transportation Allowances	\$
c. Auto-Related Expenses	\$
d. Other Supportive Services	\$
3. Administration	
a. General Administrative Costs (limitations apply)	\$
b. Information Technology/Computerization	\$
4. Total Planned Expenditures	\$