

~~(D)~~ (E) THE STEP PROGRAM SHALL BE FUNDED AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET WITH:

(1) MONEY INCLUDED BY THE GOVERNOR IN THE BUDGET OF THE DEPARTMENT;

(2) MONEY FROM ANY PRIVATE SOURCE; AND

(3) ANY AVAILABLE MONEY FROM A FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL PROGRAM, INCLUDING MONEY RECEIVED BY THE STATE FROM THE FEDERAL TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) BLOCK GRANT AND THE FEDERAL JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT.

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(A) TO APPLY FOR A GRANT UNDER THE STEP PROGRAM, A LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD OR A GROUP OF TWO OR MORE LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARDS SHALL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE BOARD.

(B) THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY A LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD OR A GROUP OF TWO OR MORE LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARDS SHALL:

(1) IDENTIFY:

(I) THE WORK-RELATED SKILLS AND OCCUPATIONS THAT ARE IN SHORT SUPPLY IN THE GEOGRAPHIC REGION SERVED BY THE LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD; AND

(II) THE SKILLS-BASED TRAINING AND WRAPAROUND SERVICES THAT THE LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD INTENDS TO FUND THROUGH THE STEP PROGRAM; AND

(2) PROVIDE OTHER INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE BOARD.

(C) THE BOARD SHALL:

(1) EVALUATE APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARDS AND RECOMMEND TO THE DEPARTMENT THE DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS TO LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARDS UNDER THE STEP PROGRAM;

(2) INCLUDE IN THE EVALUATION OF THE APPLICATIONS, CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS:

(I) THE EXISTENCE OF A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF INDIVIDUALS IN THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF THE LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD THAT ARE RECEIVING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE OR RECEIVED PUBLIC ASSISTANCE WITHIN THE PRIOR 12 MONTHS;

(II) THE LEVEL OF EXISTING LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD TRAINING PARTNERSHIPS WITH EMPLOYERS; AND