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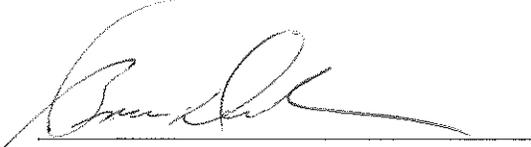
SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR (FY) 14-15 TITLE V ALLOCATION, SLOT LEVEL, FISCAL, PROGRAM AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

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FROM:


 Brian Duke
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PURPOSE: The purpose of this Aging Program Directive (APD) is to transmit to the Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) the FY14-15 Title V allocations and number of slots, Title V Budget information, Title V Program Reporting requirements and information about Title V Financial Reporting requirements. This APD also provides citations to the applicable Title V Policy documents that shall govern the AAA's administration of the Title V Program.

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I. Title V Program Background and Requirements

The Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), or what is commonly referred to as the Title V Program, is funded under Title V of the Older Americans Act (OAA) Amendments of 2006, PL 109-365, 20 CFR Part 641, October 17, 2006. As authorized by Title V of the OAA of 2006, the SCSEP fosters and promotes useful part-time work-based training opportunities in community organizations for unemployed individuals ages 55 and older whose incomes do not exceed 125% of the most recent federal poverty guidelines. Program participants receive on-the-job training at local public agencies operated by units of government or non-profit agencies with certification under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Eligible individuals that participate in the SCSEP are reimbursed the federal or state minimum hourly wage, whichever is greater, for approximately 20 hours per week during their job training. The ultimate goal of SCSEP is to assist the transition of older individuals into unsubsidized employment that leads to self-sufficiency.

Prior to July 1, 2005, the Department provided all 52 AAAs with a Title V allocation. As of July 1, 2014, 41 of the 52 AAAs have relinquished their Title V funds to the Department and no longer operate a Title V Program. The Department has selected Experience Works, Inc. to provide SCSEP services in these AAA Planning and Service Areas in FY 14-15 through a direct contract with the Department. If the Department has determined that certain counties are currently over-served according to the U.S. Department of Labor's most recent Equitable Distribution Report, then the Department reserves the right to move its slots to under-served counties. The U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) requires its state SCSEP grantees to work with the National SCSEP Sponsors to manage the distribution of SCSEP slots in each state so that the result is equity in each county per an equitable distribution formula prescribed by the USDOL.

The 11 AAAs that will continue to receive Title V funds from the Department in FY 14-15 are: Philadelphia, Lancaster, Lehigh, Northampton, Schuylkill, Allegheny, Washington/Fayette/Greene, Westmoreland, Erie, Luzerne-Wyoming, and Lycoming-Clinton.

The AAAs shall make income eligibility determinations pursuant with the USDOL's Training and Employment Guidance Letter No. 12-06 and the most recent federal poverty guidelines issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. AAAs shall use APD # 07-05-01, SCSEP Eligibility Determination, Assessment, Individual Employment Plan (IEP) and IEP Related Termination Requirements and Forms when determining eligibility, conducting assessments and preparing IEPs. All permissible training activities to be provided by the AAA with Title V funds provided by PDA shall be in accordance with the USDOL's Older Worker Bulletin No. 04-04. AAAs shall follow the Department's Durational Limit Policy that is contained in APD 11-05-03. AAAs shall also follow all of the policies governing federal holidays, necessary sick leave, leave of absences, terminations and grievances that are contained in APD 11-05-04.

AAAs are required to meet PDA prescribed SCSEP performance goals in FY 14-15 for the following six performance measures: Entered Employment – 40.5%, Retention – 69.5%, Average Earnings - \$7,208, Service Level – 166.2%, Community Service – 90%, and Most-in-Need – 2.49.

II. Program Reporting Instructions

The AAAs are required to enter new participant, host agency and employer data and update data on current participants, host agencies and employers in the SCSEP Data Collection and Reporting System on a regular basis. The AAAs must generate a Quarterly Progress Report (QPR) no later than 30 days after the end of each quarter. Due dates for generation of the QPRs are as follows:

- Generate First Quarter QPR by October 30, 2014
- Generate Second Quarter QPR by January 30, 2015
- Generate Third Quarter QPR by April 30, 2015
- Generate Fourth Quarter QPR by July 30, 2015
- Generate Final QPR by September 30, 2015

The AAAs are also responsible for generating Data Quality Reports (DQRs) after the generation of the QPR. All errors starting with durational rejects must be corrected and another QPR must be generated. It is expected that the AAAs generate error free QPRs by the 30th day following the end of the quarter.

III. Fiscal Information

The Department issued a SCSEP contract renewal letter to the AAA on April 3, 2014. The AAA will extract the U0115XX.XLS file from the BUDZIP15.EXE file in the AS/400 in the AAAEXCEL Folder and complete the file according to the instructions listed below. The files are available in the AAAEXCEL folder. The file will be renamed and macroed according to the instructions contained in the "Procedures for Area Agency on Aging To Submit Program Financial Reports To Pennsylvania Department Of Aging Fiscal Year 2014-2015" manual extracted from the BUDZIP15.EXE file. Follow the instructions in the instruction manual for submitting the .prn text file created from the macro to the Department. The Department will provide the AAA with a letter along with the budget approving the budget submission.

Instructions for completing Document U01-15 are as follows:

The line item budget should identify only Title V funds and any matching funds for each line item. The Title V dollar amount to be budgeted for each AAA is contained in Exhibit 1.

The USDOL will pay no more than 90% of the total cost of activities carried out under a Title V grant. Consequently, a 10% non-federal match is required. The non-federal match could include cash and in-kind services including, but not limited to, supervision of participants at host agencies.

The PDA will control Title V expenditures by the following budget categories: Administration, Participant Wages and Fringe Benefits (PWFB) and Other Participant Costs (as identified on the Title V budget). A minimum of 78% of the available funds must be allocated and expended for PWFB. The Department may change the 78% PWFB funding parameter at any time during the fiscal year and it will notify the AAAs if there is a change. No more than 10% of the available funds can be allocated and expended for administrative costs. Functions that are considered administrative for SCSEP purposes

are: accounting, financial & cash management, procurement, property management, personnel management, payroll, coordinating the resolution of audit or monitoring findings, audits, legal services, developing systems and procedures and monitoring of administrative functions. Administrative costs include: goods and services required for administrative functions and travel costs to carry out administrative activities. Administrative costs associated with information technology include the costs of information systems related to administrative functions such as payroll, accounting, procurement and purchasing systems. It also includes the costs associated with the purchase, development and operation of information systems.

Other Participant Costs (OPC) include: intake and eligibility determination, participant assessment, Individual Employment Plan (IEP) preparation, host agency development, outreach and recruitment, classroom training, job placement assistance and participant support services. Participant support services may include: transportation and incidentals, such as work shoes, badges, uniforms, eyeglasses, tools, child and adult care, and temporary shelter. Some information technology costs can also be charged to OPC, such as the cost of tracking and monitoring participant and performance information, developing employment statistics and performance information. Please note that if a Title V participant performs work involving assessment and planning for other participants, those costs should be included in the Participant Wages and Fringe Benefits category.

SCSEP funds can only be used to pay for the following benefits: FICA, the costs of physical examinations and worker's compensation. SCSEP funds shall not be used to pay for pension benefits, annual leave, accumulated sick leave, and unemployment compensation costs for SCSEP participants or bonuses to SCSEP participants.

Monthly Expenditure Report

Document U14-15, will be utilized to complete and submit the monthly expenditure report. The AAA will extract the U1415XX.XLS file from the PFRZIP15.EXE file in the AS/400 in the AAAEXCEL Folder and complete the file according to the same instructions and rules under which the budget was developed.

In order to comply with federal reporting timeline requirements set by the U. S. Department of Labor, expenditure reports must be submitted to the Department no later than the 10th day of the subsequent month. The expenditure reports are to be completed using at a minimum a modified accrual system. A modified accrual system accounts for expenditures according to the period in which the benefit for the expenditure occurs. Accounts payable as well as estimated expenditures for invoices not received should be included.

Reimbursement for reported expenditures will continue to be paid on a Quarterly basis.

The U1415XX.XLS files are available in the AAAEXCEL folder. The file must be renamed and macroed according to the instructions contained in the "Procedures for Area Agency on Aging To Submit Program Financial Reports To Pennsylvania Department Of Aging FY 2014-2015" manual extracted from the BUDZIP15.EXE or PFRZIP15.EXE file. Follow the instructions in the instruction manual for submitting the .prn text file created from the macro to the Department.

The AAAs are required to submit the Title V monthly expenditure reports to the Department by the dates listed below in order to comply with federal reporting requirements:

<u>Report</u>	<u>Quarter</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
1	July	August 8, 2014
2	August	September 10, 2014
3	September	October 10, 2014
4	October	November 10, 2014
5	November	December 10, 2014
6	December	January 9, 2015
7	January	February 10, 2015
8	February	March 10, 2015
9	March	April 10, 2015
10	April	May 8, 2015
11	May	June 10, 2015
12	June	August 14, 2015

The Department will monitor and control the AAAs' expenditures at the service cost level (Administration, PWFB and OPC). The AAAs may reallocate funds between service cost centers in an amount up to 10% or \$10,000, whichever is greater, of the amount budgeted in that cost center. Any reallocation of funds between service cost centers in excess of 10% or \$10,000 must receive prior approval from the Department. No reallocation may cause the budget or expenditure of Title V federal funds to violate the parameters for Administration (no more than 10%) or PWFB (no less than 78%).

The Programmatic Assurances for FY 14-15 SCSEP Funds (see Exhibit 2) must be signed and submitted to Rocco Claroni by June 30, 2014. Program, including program reporting related questions, should be directed to Rocco Claroni at (717) 772-2932 or via e-mail at rclaroni@pa.gov. Fiscal reporting and other fiscal related questions should be directed to Rob Heinlen at (717) 772-0192 or via e-mail at RHeinlen@pa.gov.

EXHIBIT 1		
AAA FY 14-15 SCSEP ALLOCATION & SLOTS (4-24-14)		
AAA	ALLOCATION	SLOTS
01 ERIE	\$112,935	12
06 ALLEGHENY	\$432,916	46
07 WESTMORELAND	\$141,168	15
08 WASHINGTON/FAYETTE/GREENE	\$169,402	18
14 LYCOMING/CLINTON	\$56,467	6
26 LANCASTER	\$150,579	16
31 PHILADELPHIA	\$969,355	103
33 LEHIGH	\$94,112	10
34 NORTHAMPTON	\$56,467	6
37 LUZERNE/WYOMING	\$150,579	16
40 SCHUYLKILL	\$65,879	7
TOTAL	\$2,399,859	255

EXHIBIT 2

PROGRAMMATIC ASSURANCES FOR FY 14-15 SCSEP FUNDS

You must certify that you will conform to these assurances throughout the period of the grant by checking each of the assurances below. These assurances also apply fully to any subcontractor involved in the delivery of SCSEP services.

You agree to:

Recruitment and Selection of Participants

- Develop and implement methods to recruit and select eligible participants to assure maximum participation in the program.
- Use income definitions and income inclusions and exclusions for SCSEP eligibility, as described in TEGL No. 12-06, to determine and document participant eligibility.
- Develop and implement methods to recruit minority populations to ensure at least proportional representation in your assigned service area.
- Develop and implement strategies to recruit applicants who have priority of service as defined in OAA section 518(b) (1)-(2) and by the Jobs for Veterans Act (JVA).
Individuals with priority include those who:
 - Are covered persons in accordance with the JVA (covered persons who are SCSEP-eligible must receive services instead of or before non-covered persons);
 - Are 65 years or older;
 - Have a disability;
 - Have limited English proficiency;
 - Have low literacy skills;
 - Reside in a rural area;
 - Have low employment prospects;
 - Have failed to find employment after utilizing services provided through the One-Stop Delivery System;
 - Are homeless or are at risk for homelessness.

Assessment

- Assess participants at least twice per 12-month period.
- Use assessment information to determine the most appropriate community service assignments (CSAs) for participants.

Individual Employment Plan (IEP)

- Establish an initial goal of unsubsidized employment for all participants.
- Update the IEP at least as frequently as assessments occur (twice per 12-month period).
- Modify the IEP as necessary to reflect other approaches to self-sufficiency, if it becomes clear that unsubsidized employment is not feasible.
- For participants who will reach the individual durational limit or would not otherwise achieve unsubsidized employment, include a provision in the IEP to transition to other services.

- Rotate participants to a new host agency (or a different assignment within the host agency) only when an individualized determination determines that the rotation is in the best interest of the participant. Such rotation must further the acquisition of skills listed in the IEP.

Community Service Assignment (CSA)

- Base the initial CSA on the assessment done at enrollment.
- Select only designated 501(c)(3) organizations or public agencies as host agencies.
- Put in place procedures to ensure adequate supervision of participants at host agencies.
- Ensure safe and healthy working conditions at CSA through annual monitoring.

Recertification of Participants

- Recertify the income eligibility of each participant at least once every 12 months, or more frequently if circumstances warrant.

Physical Examinations

- Offer physical examinations to participants upon program entry, and each year thereafter, as a benefit of enrollment.
- Obtain a written waiver from each participant who declines a physical examination.
- Not obtain a copy or use the results of the physical examination to establish eligibility or for any other purpose.

Host Agencies

- Develop and implement methods for recruiting new host agencies to provide a variety of training options that enable participants to increase their skill level and transition to unsubsidized employment.
- Maintenance of Effort:* Ensure that CSAs do not reduce the number of employment opportunities or vacancies that would otherwise be available to individuals who are not SCSEP participants. You must specifically ensure that CSAs do not:
 - Displace currently-employed workers (including partial displacement, such as a reduction in non-overtime work, wages, or employment benefits).
 - Impair existing contracts or result in the substitution of Federal funds for other funds in connection with work that would otherwise be performed.
 - Assign or continue to assign a participant to perform the same work, or substantially the same work, as that performed by an individual who is on layoff.

Orientation

- Provide orientations for its participants and host agencies, including information on:
 - Project goals and objectives
 - Participant rights and responsibilities
 - CSAs
 - Training opportunities
 - Available supportive services
 - Availability of free physical examinations
 - Host agencies

- Local staff must address the topics listed above and provide sufficient orientation to applicants and participants on:
- SCSEP goals and objectives
 - Grantee and local project roles, policies, and procedures
 - Documentation requirements
 - Holiday and sick leave
 - Assessment process
 - Development and implementation of IEPs
 - Evaluation of participant progress
 - Health and safety issues related to each participant's assignment
 - Role of supervisors and host agencies
 - Maximum individual duration policy, including the possibility of a waiver, if applicable
 - Termination policy
 - Grievance procedure

Wages

- Provide participants with the highest applicable required wage (highest of Federal, state, or local minimum wage) for time spent in orientation, training, and community service assignments.

Participant Benefits

- Provide workers' compensation and the costs of physical examinations.
- Not use grant funds to pay the cost of pension benefits, annual leave, accumulated sick leave, or bonuses.

Procedures for Payroll and Workers' Compensation

- Make all required payments for participant payroll and pay workers' compensation premiums on a timely basis.
- Ensure that host agencies do not pay workers' compensation costs for participants.

Durational Limits

- Maintain average project duration of 27 months or less.
- Allow participants to participate in the program no longer than 48 months (whether or not consecutively) and adhere to all of the other Individual Durational Limit Policy requirements contained in APD# 11-05-03.
- Notify participants of your policy pertaining to the maximum duration requirement.

Termination Policies

- Provide a 30-day written notice for all terminations that states the reason for termination and informs the participants of grievance procedures and right to appeal.
- Maintain written termination policies in accordance with APD# 11-05-04.

Over-Enrollment

- Manage over-enrollment to minimize impact on participants and avoid layoffs.

Collaboration and Leveraged Resources

- Collaborate with other organizations to maximize opportunities for participants to obtain workforce development, education, and supportive services to help them move into unsubsidized employment. These organizations may include but are not limited to: workforce investment boards, CareerLinks, vocational rehabilitation providers, disability networks, basic education and literacy providers, and community colleges.

Supportive Services

- Provide supportive services, as needed, to help participants participate in their community service assignment and to obtain and retain unsubsidized employment.
- Establish criteria to assess the need for supportive services and to determine when participants will receive supportive services, including after obtaining unsubsidized employment.

Complaint Resolution

- Establish and use written grievance procedures for complaint resolution in accordance with APD# 11-05-04.

Maintenance of Files and Privacy Information

- Maintain participant files for three program years after the program year in which the participant received his/her final follow-up activity.
- Ensure that all participant records are securely stored and access is limited to appropriate staff in order to safeguard personal identifying information.
- Ensure that all participant medical records are securely stored separately from all other participant records and access is limited to authorized staff for authorized purposes.
- Establish safeguards to preclude tampering with electronic media, *e.g.*, personal identification numbers (PINs) and SPARQ logins.
- Ensure that the PDA is immediately notified in the event of any potential security breach of personal identifying information, whether electronic files, paper files, or equipment are involved.
- Comply with and ensure that authorized SPARQ users comply with all SPARQ access and security rules.

Documentation

- Maintain documentation of waivers of physical examinations by participant.
- Maintain documentation of the provision of complaint procedures to participants.
- Maintain documentation of eligibility determinations and recertifications.
- Maintain documentation of terminations and reasons for termination.
- Maintain records of grievances and outcomes.
- Maintain records required for data validation.
- Maintain documentation of monitoring reports for subcontractors and host agencies.

Data Collection and Reporting

- Ensure the collection and reporting of all SCSEP required data according to specified time schedules.
- Ensure the use of the OMB-approved SCSEP data collection forms and the SCSEP Internet data collection and evaluation system, SPARQ.
- Ensure that those capturing and recording data are familiar with the latest instructions for data collection, including ETA administrative issuances, e.g., TEGLs, Data Collection and Data Validation Handbooks, and internet postings on the Ask the Experts and SCSEP-Help websites.
- Ensure data are entered directly into the WDCS/SPARQ.

If any box is not checked, you must provide information on a separate attachment indicating what specific steps you are taking to conform to those standard requirement(s).

By checking the boxes above, I certify that my organization will comply with each of the listed requirements and will remain in compliance for FY 14-15.

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

