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State Rapid Response Brief

Results from PY 2011 and PY 2012 Obligations and Expenditure Survey

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Issue

During the April 7-8, 2015, NASWA Administration and Finance Committee meeting, the Committee requested that NASWA gather information on State Rapid Response (SRR). Data on state use of SRR funds has been a regular element of the Obligations and Expenditure Surveys for several years. The survey collects a subset of the financial data reported to the Department of Labor on 9130 financial reports for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and Wagner-Peyser Employment Service program funds. These funds are available to states for expenditure for three years. The survey mainly serves to collect cumulative obligations and expenditures for the three active fund years through the end of the program year requested.

Background

Using the transition authority provided in last year's Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) the Department of Labor is allowing more flexible use of SRR funds from Program Years (PY) 2012 through PY 2015 to aid in the transition and implementation of WIOA. For more information on this SRR flexibility, please see [TEGL no. 26-14](#), *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Transition Authority for Flexible Use of State Rapid Response Funds*. Additionally, WIOA allows states to use SRR funds that remain unobligated after the first program year to carry out other statewide activities. WIOA maintains that Governors may reserve up to 25 percent of dislocated workers allotments for SRR. Federal funds authorized by states for SRR are available to expend for three program years.

In advance of the PY 2013 Obligations and Expenditure Survey, NASWA is taking this opportunity to report on SRR data for PY 2011 and PY 2012.

NASWA initial analysis:

- For PY 2012, 41 of 50 states reported (DC, GA, KS, NV, NY, OK, OR, PA, PR, VA, and VT did not report); for PY 2011, 44 of 50 states and DC reported (AL, KS, MD, ME, OK, PR, and TN did not report). Thirty seven states reported in both PY 2011 and PY 2012.
- States responding to the survey accounted for 80 percent of the total Dislocated Worker Allocation for PY 2012, compared to 92.2 percent for PY 2011.
- Comparing the 37 states that reported in both PY 2011 and PY 2012, these states reserved 72.1 percent of the maximum amount of SRR funding they could have reserved in PY 2011 and 71.6 percent of the maximum in PY 2012. This indicates reservation of SRR funds at the end of their first year of use remained fairly consistent from PY 2011 to PY 2012.
- The charts below address the results of all reporting states. In PY 2012, 18 states reserved the maximum amount of SRR funding versus 22 in PY 2011.

Percent Reserved for State Rapid Response - PY 2012

Percent Reserved	Number of States	States
25	18	AR, CA, CO, CT, ID, IL, KY, MA, MN, MO, MT, NC, NJ, OH, RI, TN, WI, WV
16-24	5	HI, IA, MD, ME, WA
6-15	12	AK, AZ, DE, LA, MI, MS, ND, NE, NH, NM, SC, SD
<=5	6	AL, FL, IN, TX, UT, WY

Percent Reserved for State Rapid Response - PY 2011

Percent Reserved	Number of States	States
25	22	AR, CA, CO, CT, DC, GA, ID, IL, KY, MA, MI, MN, MO, MT, NC, NV, OH, OR, PA, RI, VA, WI
16-24	4	HI, NJ, NY, WV
6-15	11	AK, AZ, DE, IA, LA, ND, NE, NM, SC, SD, WA
<=5	8	FL, IN, MS, NH, TX, UT, VT, WY

- The SRR unobligated carryover of funds after their first year of use may have decreased slightly from PY 2011 to PY 2012. Among the 37 states that reported in both PY 2011 and PY 2012, carryover from PY 2012 allocations was approximately \$49.4 million (or 37 percent of the total reserved), as compared to PY 2011 allocations at the end of its first program year when carryover was \$60.6 million (or 42 percent).
- The charts below show the distribution of states who obligated almost all their SRR funding after the first year (those in the 80-100 percent row) and those who carried over more funds.

State Rapid Response Percent Obligated – PY 2012

Percent Obligated	Number of States	States
80-100	12	AK, IL, IN, MD, ME, MN, MO, MT, OH, RI, SD, UT
79-51	9	AR, CA, CT, ID, KY, MA, NJ, WI, WY
50-31	6	AL, AZ, NC, TN, TX, WV
<=30	14	CO, DE, FL, HI, IA, LA, MI, MS, ND, NE, NH, NM, SC, WA

State Rapid Response Percent Obligated – PY 2011

Percent Obligated	Number of States	States
80-100	10	AK, CO, GA, IA, MO, MT, RI, SD, UT, VT
79-51	15	AR, CA, ID, IL, IN, KY, MA, MN, NJ, OH, PA, VA, WA, WV, WY
50-31	9	CT, DE, FL, LA, NH, NY, OR, TX, WI
<=30	11	AZ, DC, HI, MI, MS, NC, ND, NE, NM, NV, SC

The PY 2013 Obligations and Expenditure Survey will be released shortly. NASWA requests that all states respond to this year's survey. The survey results will allow NASWA to evaluate the impact of sequestration and the final year of the five percent limitation on carryover from PY 2013. With the passage of WIOA and greater SRR flexibility, we believe that unobligated carryover of SRR funds will be of particular interest in the future to congressional staff, members, and Administration officials.