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Strategic Policy

Title:	Rapid Response Process Modifications
Adopted:	03/19/2003
Effective:	03/19/2003

I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy increases the amount of Rapid Response funds available to local workforce development boards (local boards) within the CareerSource Florida network when there is an immediate need for Rapid Response funds. The cap for granting additional dislocated worker funding to a local board from the State Rapid Response Reserve – prior to CareerSource Florida, Inc. (CSF) approval – is increased from \$50,000 to \$200,000. Local boards have flexibility in circumstances in which Rapid Response funds are needed and can receive up to an additional 20 percent (not to exceed \$50,000) than the approved initial request. These additional funds can be used to serve companies not included in the initial request.

Streamlining the process by which local boards request and receive Rapid Response funding makes local boards more responsive, distributes funds swiftly, and makes funding readily and efficiently available to dislocated workers.

The scope of this policy is limited to requests of Rapid Response funds by all 24 local boards.

II. BACKGROUND

To obtain state Rapid Response funds, local boards are required to submit a completed Supplemental Funding Request to the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) and the CSF Board of Directors for approval.

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Funding requests of up to \$50,000 may be evaluated and approved for release jointly by DEO and CSF prior to formal CSF action. The first modification to this policy increases the amount eligible for approval by the CSF professional team to \$200,000. The second modification provides local boards flexibility in subsequent Rapid Response funding requests.

III. AUTHORITY

[Public Law 113-128 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act \(2014\)](#)

[Sections 445.003](#) and [445.007](#), Florida Statutes

IV. HISTORY

Date	Description
01/17/2002	Revises Final Guidance: AWI FG 02-030
02/3/2005	Revises Final Guidance: AWI FG 02-030
05/17/2017	Revised copy in plain language; changed references to Workforce Florida, Inc. (WFI) to CareerSource Florida, Inc. (CSF); changed regions to local workforce development boards (or local boards); consolidated sections to align more closely with DEO administrative policies.

V. ATTACHMENTS

[Final Guidance: AWI FG 02-030](#)