



2025

Annual Report on

Federal Funding to Area Development Districts

Introduction

In accordance with KRS 147A.115(1), the Education and Labor Cabinet (ELC) submits this annual report on federal funds distributed by the ELC to each Area Development District (ADD) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. The only funds awarded by ELC to ADDs are federal funds. This report provides a breakdown of amounts awarded by funding source and program.

Education and Labor Cabinet

The Kentucky Education and Labor Cabinet, the federally recognized state workforce agency, implements the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). It oversees education, workforce development, labor standards, and unemployment services to improve Kentuckians' quality of life and employability, and to create a skilled workforce for employers. ELC provided federal funding to the following ADDs in the state fiscal year 2025:

- Bluegrass ADD
- Buffalo Trace ADD
- Green River ADD
- Lake Cumberland ADD
- Lincoln Trail ADD
- Northern Kentucky ADD

Description of the Federal Funding Programs and Grants

Kentucky's local ADDs received funds from the **National Dislocated Worker Grants (NDWGs)** to assist workers affected by disasters, layoffs, closures, and long-term unemployment, including those battling addiction. The program, authorized by WIOA and managed by the U.S. Department of Labor, funds employment, training, supportive services, and disaster relief, such as debris removal and cleanup. With limited, competitive funds, states must demonstrate need and impact. In FY 2024, the Quality Jobs, Equity, Strategy, and Training (QUEST) Disaster Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grant funds were awarded.

Kentucky ADDs received federal funding for the **Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Administration Case Management/Trade** grant, which provides administrative support and case management services to TAA participants, helping them navigate benefits, services, and employment options. It coordinates multiple services, including employment counseling, referrals, and case planning. The Case Management/Trade grant focuses on administrative and support services to help workers access resources. The TAA Benefits/Trade Training grant emphasizes providing direct training and benefits to eligible workers displaced by trade, funding skills retraining and occupational training, and offering income support during training. The Benefits/Trade Training grant concentrates on funding training, skills development, and direct benefits for displaced workers. The aim is to improve employability and long-term job retention through education and training programs.

WIOA authorizes grants from the **WIOA Statewide Reserve Fund**. The Governor must allocate up to 15% of WIOA Title I formula funding for statewide employment and training programs for adults, displaced workers, and youth. These funds are designated for WIOA-required activities, as outlined in 20 CFR Part 682, and can support additional activities aligned with the WIOA State Plan. The Statewide Reserve Fund helps finance extra statewide workforce initiatives within the ADDs of the Local Workforce Development Areas and promotes innovative workforce development solutions.

The **WIOA Adult Funds Grant** provides workforce career services to eligible adults seeking employment, including initial skills assessments and labor exchange services. It also emphasizes supporting low-income individuals, public assistance recipients, and those lacking basic skills.

The **WIOA-Dislocated Worker Rapid Response (RR)** grant supports quick response efforts for workers affected by layoffs, closures, or economic disruptions. It is a flexible, business-focused approach that assists workers and businesses while coordinating with partners to minimize negative impacts on workers, employers, and communities. Allocated to ADDs through LWDAs, it provides a safety net during challenging times.

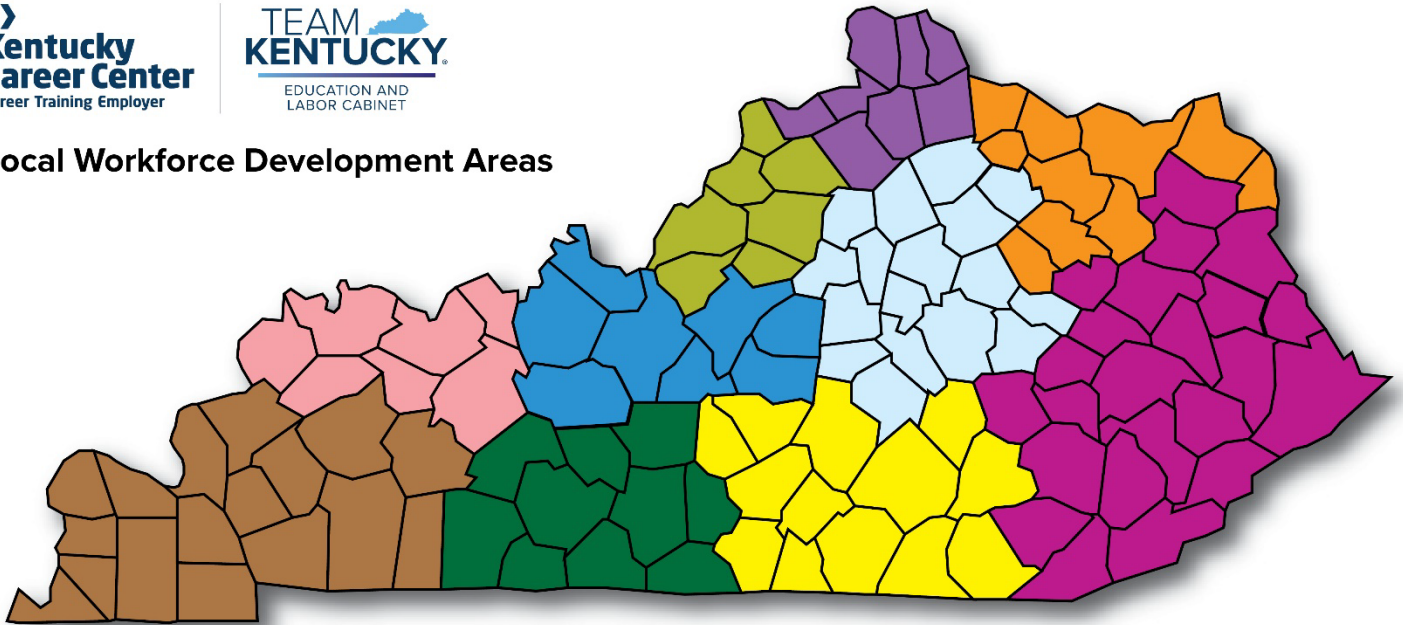
WIOA Dislocated Worker (DW) funds are federal resources allocated to states and local areas to provide employment and training services for workers laid off or facing layoffs due to economic changes. These funds, part of the WIOA Title I Dislocated Worker program, help workers return to employment and overcome employment barriers. Allocation depends on unemployment rates, layoffs, and trade-affected workers, distributed quarterly. Funds are used for career counseling, training, and supportive services, depending on the area. Services require eligibility, such as receiving public assistance, being low-income, or lacking basic skills.

WIOA Youth Funding is a federal program that provides funds to states and local areas to assist eligible youth aged 14-24 facing barriers to education, training, and employment. It primarily targets out-of-school youth and includes 14 components, such as career development, training, work experience, and support services. The goal is to help young people succeed academically and professionally. Managed by the US Department of Labor, along with Education and Health and Human Services, funds are distributed based on unemployment, poverty, and educational levels. At least 75% of funds must go to out-of-school youth, and 20% to work experience.

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Vendor Name	Bluegrass Area Development	Buffalo Trace Area	Green River Area	Lake Cumberland	Lincoln Trail Area	Northern Kentucky Area	Total
QUEST	\$32,539.43	\$0.00	\$751,325.99	\$143,074.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$926,939.85
TAA Admin Case Management/	\$7,348.47	\$0.00	518.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,866.80
TAA Benefits/Trade	\$7,819.14	\$139.00	\$6,222.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,180.35
WIOA-Statewide Reserve	\$1,641.64	\$75,839.15	\$0.00	\$19,355.95	\$22,364.66	\$435,948.90	\$555,150.30
WIOA-Adult	\$431,614.37	\$1,453,065.54	\$268,605.91	\$675,615.03	\$654,818.32	\$481,649.94	\$3,965,369.11
WIOA-DW(RR)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,488.26	\$0.00	\$553.70	\$13,487.03	\$16,528.99
WIOA-(DW)	\$1,437,219.27	\$504,163.33	\$478,197.02	\$484,350.51	\$451,004.85	\$652,394.40	\$4,007,329.38
WIOA-Youth	\$1,054,748.24	\$1,551,047.09	\$279,776.70	\$687,298.39	\$728,239.41	\$335,269.47	\$4,636,379.30
Total	\$2,972,930.56	\$3,584,254.11	\$1,787,134.42	\$2,009,694.31	\$1,856,980.94	\$1,918,749.74	\$14,129,744.08

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