2020 WRG – RR Expansion
Addendum to WRG NCB Implementation and Procedures Manual

In early June, Governor Holcomb announced the launch of Indiana’s “Rapid Recovery for a Better Future” initiative. As part of Indiana’s Rapid Recovery efforts to assist Hoosiers in returning to employment from the COVID-19 pandemic, recent federal funding through the CARES Act injects $50 million into Indiana’s efforts to scale up short-term education and training opportunities.

The additional funding provided to Indiana through the CARES Act enables Indiana to temporarily expand upon the Workforce Ready Grant to support an additional 10,000 Hoosiers with their career training goals. In order to reach more Hoosiers efficiently and effectively, some temporary changes have been made to the WRG program:

- Increasing the funding cap from $5,000 to $10,000 for eligible programs
- Allowing Hoosiers with two- and four-year degrees who have been impacted by COVID-19 to qualify for the grant
- Expanding the list of qualifying training programs and certifications

With these new changes and allowances, the following amendments have temporarily been made to WRG’s non-credit bearing implementation and procedures eligibility criteria for the timeframe of June 15, 2020 through December 30, 2020:

- Program participants may qualify for up to $10,000 in grant funding.
- Program participants may have a high school diploma or equivalent AND may have a two- or four-year degree.
- In addition to occupations ranking 5 flames on INDemand, programs training to one of the following occupations are now eligible for consideration:

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<th>Computer User Support Specialist</th>
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<td>Heavy and Tractor-trailer Truck Drivers</td>
<td>Web Developer</td>
<td>Machinists</td>
<td>Pharmacy Technicians</td>
<td>First Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers</td>
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<td>Nursing Assistants</td>
<td>Rehabilitation Counselors</td>
<td>Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses</td>
<td>Community Health Workers</td>
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<td>Phlebotomists</td>
<td>Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics</td>
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IMPORTANT TO KNOW

- WRG - RR Expansion changes and allowances are temporary and only valid during June 15, 2020 through December 30, 2020.
- WRG –RR Expansion funding must be expended by December 30, 2020.
- Courses approved under the WRG – RR Expansion MUST conclude by December 10, 2020. This includes courses that were approved prior to WRG – RR Expansion but received a tuition increase*.
- Final invoices must be submitted no later than December 11, 2020 to ensure payment.
- All authorized training providers MUST adhere to the Workforce Ready Grant Non-Credit Bearing Implementation and Procedures Manual with the exceptions outlined within the WRG –RR Expansion Addendum.
- After December 30, 2020, the WRG NCB program will continue to operate via state funding dollars, and expectations will return to standard operating procedures as stated in the Workforce Ready Grant Non-Credit Bearing Implementation and Procedures Manual.
  - Only WRG NCB authorized training programs that meet the statewide 5 flame requirement will remain active; all other programs will sunset no later than December 30, 2020
  - The individual funding cap will return to $5,000
  - Only persons with a high school diploma but without a post-secondary degree will be able to access the WRG program

*New cohorts may begin December 31, 2020 at the reduced tuition cap.