

Guidelines for Use of WIRED (H-1B) Funds

The Workforce Innovations in Regional Economic Development (WIRED) grants represent an approach to preparing America's workforce for new and emerging occupations in regional economies. Funds are limited by law to the following:

- Provide job training and related activities to assist workers (including unemployed and employed workers) in gaining skills and competencies needed to obtain or upgrade career ladder employment positions in high growth industries and economic sectors

- Assist in the development and implementation of model activities (such as develop curricula to build core competencies and train workers, identify and disseminate career and skill information, and increase the integration of community and technical college activities with activities of business and the public workforce investment system).

Use of funds must be tied to projects that target job training and related activities in high growth industries and economic sectors. For example:

- Training costs
 - Instructors, space, supplies, equipment specifically for training
 - May be for new or incumbent employees
 - May be for training in new or emerging occupations, or for skills training for incumbent workforce to meet new requirements
- Curriculum development and dissemination
- Other career and labor market information
- Outreach and recruitment
- Tools, equipment and supplies used for training purposes

Funds may NOT be used for:

- Product research and development
- Public infrastructure improvements
- Inventory acquisition
- General business capitalization or expansion
- Employee wages while they are in training