



Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs) ABOUT...**

**OWD Issuance 08-2019: Revised Program Year 2019/Fiscal Year 2020 WIOA Allocations**

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*Last updated: April 2020.*

- Q: Are the administrative costs associated with COVID-19 response a reallocation from program funds to administrative funds, therefore in addition to previously allocated 10% administrative funds would result in a maximum of 20% funds for administration?**
- A:** Section 3515(a) of the CARES Act provides flexibility for the Local Boards to utilize an additional 10% of their total PY19/FY20 allotment for administrative costs, if used to respond to the COVID-19 national emergency. Anything over in the initial 10% admin must be spend on COVID-19 admin activities
- Q: Is it correct that the definition of COVID-19 response activities is not defined further in policy?**
- A:** Section 3515 for Workforce Response Activities states:
- Part (a) increases the administrative cap on funds allocated to local workforce development boards from 10% to 20% provided that the funds used above 10% are used to respond to the COVID-19, or other qualifying emergencies. This was put in place, in part, to respond to the increased needs of local areas to telework and change their day to day operations due to the COVID-19 crisis.
  - Part (b)(1) allows funds reserved by the Governor for PY19, that remain unobligated, to be used for statewide rapid response activities for COVID-19, or other qualifying emergencies.
  - Part (b)(2) funds reserved by the Governor for PY19, that remain unobligated, may be released within 30 days of 3/27/20 to local workforce development boards most impact by the COVID-19 crisis.

**Keep in mind that any expense classified as a COVID-19 administrative expense will be the Board's responsibility to prove as such.**

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