

MEMORANDUM

Date: 01/05/2024

From: Nancy Omondi, Director of Adult Programs

To: Pilot Re-Entry providers

Subject: Use of Support Service Funds to Pay for License Reinstatement Fees

The State Dislocated Worker (DW) Pilot Re-entry Program grants are required to conform to the state's allowable cost guidance which aligns with federal policy guidance. Federal guidance (U.G. 200-441), prohibits the use of funds to cover payments for violations of federal, state and local laws.

To remove barriers for participants and expedite recruitment efforts, DEED is approving a waiver as follows:

- Supportive service funds from the grant may be used to assist participants with obtaining their driver's licenses back for the purposes of attending training or employment.
- Providers are still required to adhere to the cost category requirements per Minn. Stat 116L.17.
- Grantees must sufficiently document in case notes the reasons for paying the fees.
- This waiver is effective from the grant start date to end of grant.

DEED will continue to closely monitor the impact of this waiver and consult relevant stakeholders for additional recommendation/feedback as needed.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Fred Nah at frederick.nah@state.mn.us.

We appreciate your Partnership.

Respectfully,

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