

PUBLIC POLICY: NO. WIOA-02-2023-A

DATE: AUGUST 12, 2024

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO PUBLIC POLICY NO. WIOA-02-2023 TO DETERMINE THE INCENTIVE TO BE GRANTED TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE ADULT AND DISLOCATED WORKERS PROGRAM FOR ACHIEVING THE CREDENTIAL OF A HIGH SCHOOL DEGREE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OF LABOR CONNECTION "LOCAL AREA MANATI-DORADO" UNDER TITLE I OF THE WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA).

REFERENCE: WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA).

I. INTRODUCTION

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) was authorized on July 22, 2014. It is designed to assist job seekers in accessing employment services, education, training, and support to help them succeed in the labor market and to facilitate employers in finding workers with the skills they need to compete effectively in the island's economy.

To this end, the Local Board and the Board of Directors of Mayors of "Labor Connection" Local Area Manati-Dorado promulgate the following Public Policy to provide a financial incentive to participants who obtain a high school degree or GED through the partners of the "Labor Connection" Local Workforce Development Area Manati-Dorado.

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this amendment is since the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) has been experiencing a reduction in the General Budget and, consequently, in the Programmatic Budget of our Local Area. Keeping this in mind and understanding that this incentive has been an excellent initiative to motivate our Adults and Dislocated Workers, it has been decided to maintain this incentive based on the budget reduction.

III. AMENDMENT

Public Policy No. WIOA-02-2023, approved by the Board of Directors of Mayors and the Local Board on February 6, 2023, is amended for the following purposes:

1. To include in the PUBLIC POLICY Section specific language regarding the incentive received by participants in the Labor Connection Local Area so that it reads as follows:

“The amount of the incentive to be granted will be one hundred dollars (\$100.00), depending on the availability of funds from the Manati-Dorado Labor Connection Local Area, which will be offered once participants complete and provide evidence of their achievement. The partner from the Department of Education will be responsible for certifying the participant's compliance to the One-Stop Carrer Center to which the participant belongs. The One-Stop Carrer Center will complete the *Incentive Assignment for Achievement Form (Appendix-A)*. The authorized personnel of the One-Stop Carrer Center will submit this duly completed document to the Program Department, Payroll Division for Participants, for the proper verification, validation, and pre-payroll process for the payment of the Incentive for Achievement. Payment is authorized through direct deposit or check, following the procedures established by the Procedures Manual, Fiscal Area, and Internal Controls of our Local Area”.

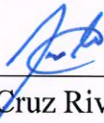
IV. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Public Policy will become effective upon approval by the Members of the Local Board and the Board of Directors of Mayors of the Manati-Dorado Local Workforce Development Area.

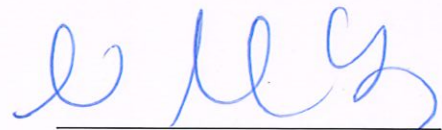
V. APPROVAL AND VALIDITY

This amendment to Public Policy No. WIOA-02-2023-A to grant an incentive to participants in the Adult and Dislocated Workers Program for achieving a high school diploma credential with the Department of Education partner of "Labor Connection" Local Area Manati-Dorado will be effective upon approval by the members of the Local Board and the Board of Directors of Mayors of the Manati-Dorado Local Workforce Development Area.

In Vega Alta, Puerto Rico, on August 12, 2024



Josue Cruz Rivera
President
Local Workforce Development Board



Hon. Maria M. Vega Pagan
President
Board of Directors of Mayors

Note: This document uses the masculine gender to refer to both genders to facilitate reading. This writing style is not intended to imply the supremacy of one gender over another.

