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Request to Transfer WIOA Funds from the Dislocated Worker to the Adult Program

Pinal County is a sub recipient of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA –Public Law 113-128) grant funds to provide services for the Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth Programs via an intergovernmental agreement with the Arizona Department of Economic Security. WIOA services are offered under the ARIZONA@WORK Pinal County brand. In Pinal County, delivery of Adult and Dislocated Worker Program services are contracted through Equus Workforce Solutions.

WIOA allows the transfer of funds between the WIOA Adult and Dislocated Worker (DW) Program funding streams to allow Local Workforce Development Areas (Pinal County) the flexibility to provide services in areas of greatest need.

The Pinal County Workforce Development Board (LWDB) and chief elected official (CEO) may request to transfer up to 100 percent of its allocated funding for Adult and Dislocated Worker activities funds during a Program Year (PY) between the Title I-B Adult Program and Title I-B DW Program.

During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Pinal County did not experience an increase in the demand for Dislocated Worker services. Pinal County's labor force currently is 198,000 with an unemployment rate of 2.7% (as of December – not seasonally adjusted). As a result, ***Equus Workforce Solutions has submitted a request to the Pinal County Workforce Development Board for the transfer of Program Year 2020 funds in the amount of \$327,258 from its Dislocated Worker Program allocation to its Adult Program funding stream. These funds expire on June 30, 2022. Transfer of such funds will allow ARIZONA@WORK Pinal County to continue to invest in Pinal County citizens who are eligible for Adult services. The transfer will not impact the ability to continue to serve eligible Dislocated Workers.***

The Pinal County Workforce Development Board (PCWDB) is soliciting public comments related to this request through March 16, 2022. Public comments may be submitted to: arizonaatwork@pinal.gov and will be considered during the March 17, 2022 PCWDB meeting.