

18-403.

(A) THERE IS A STEP PROGRAM TO PROVIDE SKILLS-BASED TRAINING AND WRAPAROUND SERVICES TO LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN WHO HAVE A AND PROVEN WORK HISTORY HISTORIES.

(A) (B) THE BOARD, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT, SHALL ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER THE STEP PROGRAM.

(B) (C) THE PURPOSE OF THE STEP PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARDS TO FUND SKILLS-BASED TRAINING, EMPLOYER-BASED TRAINING, AND WRAPAROUND SERVICES FOR ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.

(C) (D) THE STEP PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE GRANTS ON A COMPETITIVE BASIS TO AT LEAST THREE LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARDS CONSISTENT WITH ~~§ 11-704~~ § 18-404 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(D) (E) THE STEP PROGRAM SHALL BE FUNDED AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET WITH:

(1) MONEY INCLUDED BY THE GOVERNOR IN THE BUDGET OF THE DEPARTMENT;

(2) MONEY FROM ANY PRIVATE SOURCE; AND

(3) ANY AVAILABLE MONEY FROM A FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL PROGRAM, INCLUDING MONEY RECEIVED BY THE STATE FROM THE FEDERAL TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) BLOCK GRANT AND THE FEDERAL JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT.

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(A) TO APPLY FOR A GRANT UNDER THE STEP PROGRAM, A LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD OR A GROUP OF TWO OR MORE LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARDS SHALL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE BOARD.

(B) THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY A LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD OR A GROUP OF TWO OR MORE LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARDS SHALL:

(1) IDENTIFY:

(I) THE WORK-RELATED SKILLS AND OCCUPATIONS THAT ARE IN SHORT SUPPLY IN THE GEOGRAPHIC REGION SERVED BY THE LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD; AND

(II) THE SKILLS-BASED TRAINING AND WRAPAROUND SERVICES THAT THE LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD INTENDS TO FUND THROUGH THE STEP PROGRAM; AND

(2) PROVIDE OTHER INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE BOARD.

(C) THE BOARD SHALL: