



Utah Department of Workforce Services

Unemployment Insurance Special Administration Fund

Background:

- During the 2013 Legislative Session, the legislature appropriated Unemployment Insurance Special Administration Funds to the Department of Workforce Services with the following requirement:
“The Legislature further intends DWS provide a detailed status and progress report on the use of Special Administrative Expense Account funds for employment development projects and activities as well as one-time projects associated with client services to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst by September 1, 2013.”
- This report, along with the attached “UISAF - Detailed Programs and Targets Report,” constitute the Departments submission to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst.
- During the 2013 fiscal year DWS standardized how UISAF monies would be distributed between job creation, placement and education partnership/training programs; this standardization has created efficiencies and optimized outcomes.
- These figures represent funding for the fiscal year 2013. Several funded programs will continue into the next fiscal year.

UISAF Status and Progress:

- DWS allocated \$4.1 million to job creation programs, with four of the six programs supporting expansion in small businesses and rural counties. More than 207 businesses have received assistance from the UISAF job creation programs, and they are scheduled to create 2,979 new jobs.
- DWS allocated \$706,055 to placement programs that help public assistance customers find employment. These programs provided significant savings to public assistance programs, and also help businesses find skilled employees. These programs have helped 479 people find employment.
- DWS allocated \$2.6 million for the creation or enlargement of certificate and degree programs. Typically these grants are provided to educational institutions to assist with the start-up costs of new programs. Thus far UISAF funds have created capacity to award 1,706 certificates to be awarded. These certificates are in high demand industries and will help Utah businesses find the skilled labor they need to be successful. Many of these programs will be permanent, so there will be a consistently increasing ROI. Educational institutions must demonstrate, using labor market information and industry support, that there is a need for these programs.



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Program Highlights:

UISAF funds helped fund the following programs:

- The Accelerated Credentialing to Employment (ACE) Veteran Credentialing Program: The ACE program began during the 2013 fiscal year to be a resource for veterans leaving military service. This program helps veterans receive civilian credentialing for skills they received in military service. 94 veterans were served by the ACE program during the 2013 fiscal year.
- The Small Business Bridge (Bridge) Program – In August 2012, DWS began offering the Bridge Program as a resource to help small businesses expand, and train their new employees. The program offers a limited reimbursement to help small businesses overcome the cost of creating new jobs. During the 2013 fiscal year over 200 businesses were approved for the program and are scheduled to create 995 new jobs.
- The Utah Cluster Acceleration Partnership (UCAP) – During the 2013 fiscal year, DWS continued funding for the UCAP program. This program is a partnership between DWS, the Utah System of Higher Education and the Governor’s Office of Economic Development. This collaborative effort helps align industry needs with educational programs. During the 2013 fiscal year, 22 new educational programs have either been developed, or are in various stages of development as part of the UCAP program.