



FINANCIAL AID COORDINATION PELL/HOPE AND ONE STOP PARTNERS

1. **Scope:** The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funding is limited to participants who are unable to obtain grant assistance from other sources to pay the costs of their training or require assistance beyond that available under grant assistance from other sources to pay the costs of such training. Program operators and training providers must coordinate funds available to pay for training. In making the determination under this paragraph, one-stop operators should take into account the full cost of participating in training services, including the cost of support services and other appropriate costs. One-stop operators must coordinate training funds available and make funding arrangements with one-stop partners and other entities for WIOA-eligible customers. One Stop operators must consider the availability of other sources of grants to pay for training costs so that WIOA funds supplement other sources of training. CFR §680.230.
2. **Policy:** It is the policy of ARC to coordinate WIOA training funds with Pell, HOPE, SNAP, and TANF funding. All customers must apply for Pell and HOPE funding, if the customer is eligible to receive funding. Customers should make these applications as soon as a school is selected. Customers may begin training while these applications are in process. This policy does not include student loans. **If it is determined, through an analysis of need, that the total costs of attendance, including living expenses, etc., exceed the amounts available through HOPE and WIOA, the Pell funds may be utilized for living expenses.** GDEcDWD 3.4.1-3
3. **Implementation:** This policy applies to those applicants who are seeking assistance for funding for schools which provide financial assistance under Title IV of the Higher Education Act and the Georgia HOPE Scholarship Program. All applicants should be informed that WIOA is one of many funding sources that may be available to them. If the customer is interested in training at a Regent's University system institution or Technical College System of Georgia institution they should also apply for Pell and HOPE funds, unless they provide a valid reason to their career advisor as to why they would not be eligible for such funds. Examples of valid reasons include:

- The customer has a college degree and is seeking funds to complete a second degree at a college.
- The customer has a previous student loan, which is in default.
- The customer is seeking funds to complete a degree, does not have a B average, and their family income is over the limit for Pell.

If a customer receives financial aid (including loans), a copy of the Financial Aid Record should be maintained in the customer's file. If Pell or HOPE funding is denied, documentation of the denial must be included in the file. The file should also provide documentation that the customer is not eligible for Pell and HOPE, either using the notice from financial aid, or the customer's self-attestation. An individual may select training that costs more than the maximum amount available for ITAs under ARWDB policy when other sources of funds are available to supplement the ITA. These other sources may include: Pell Grants, scholarships, severance pay and other sources.

4. **Book Allowances:** For participants receiving HOPE funding, WIOA funds may be coordinated to cover fees and the portion of book charges not covered by HOPE.
5. **Child/Dependent Care:** For a participant receiving HOPE, Pell and WIOA, WIOA may provide child/dependent care under the Child Care Policy Guidelines.
6. A listing of additional financial aid resources is available for all customers in ARWDB Workforce Career Resource Centers and on the web site www.atlantaregional.com/wioatraining