

SECTION 1. Section 11322.64 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is amended to read: 11322.64.

(a) (1) The department, in consultation with the County Welfare Directors Association of California, shall develop an allocation methodology to distribute additional funding for expanded subsidized employment programs for CalWORKs recipients, or individuals described in Section 11320.15 who have exceeded the time limits specified in subdivision (a) of Section 11454.

(2) Funds allocated pursuant to this section may be utilized to cover all expenditures related to the operational costs of the expanded subsidized employment program, including the cost of overseeing the program, developing work sites, and providing training to participants, as well as wage and nonwage costs.

(3) The department, in consultation with the County Welfare Directors Association of California, shall determine the amount or proportion of funding allocated pursuant to this section that may be utilized for operational costs, consistent with the number of employment slots anticipated to be created and the funding provided.

(b) Funds allocated for expanded subsidized employment shall be in addition to, and independent of, the county allocations made pursuant to Section 15204.2.

(c) (1) A county that accepts additional funding for expanded subsidized employment in accordance with this section shall continue to expend no less than the aggregate amount of funding received by the county pursuant to Section 15204.2 that the county expended on subsidized employment in the 2012–13 fiscal year pursuant to Section 11322.63, as that section read on June 30, 2016.

(2) This subdivision shall not apply for any fiscal year in which the total CalWORKs caseload is projected by the department to increase by more than 5 percent of the total actual CalWORKs caseload in the 2012–13 fiscal year.

(d) Each county shall submit to the department a plan regarding how it intends to utilize the funds allocated pursuant to this section.

(e) (1) Participation in expanded subsidized employment pursuant to this section shall be limited to a maximum of six months for each participant.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a county may extend participation beyond the six-month limitation described in paragraph (1) for up to an additional three months at a time, to a maximum of no more than 12 total months. Extensions may be granted pursuant to this paragraph if the county determines that the additional time will increase the likelihood of either of the following:

(A) The participant obtaining unsubsidized employment with the participating employer.

(B) The participant obtaining specific skills and experiences relevant for unsubsidized employment in a particular field.

(f) A county may continue to provide expanded subsidized employment funded under this section to individuals who become ineligible for CalWORKs benefits in accordance with Section 11323.25.

(g) A county may use existing funds provided under this section to provide employment services for noncustodial parents of children receiving benefits under the CalWORKs program.

(h) Upon application for CalWORKs assistance after a participant's expanded subsidized employment ends, if an assistance unit is otherwise eligible within three calendar months of the date that expanded subsidized employment ended, the income exemption requirements contained in Section 11451.5 and the work requirements contained in subdivision (c) of Section 11201 shall apply. If aid is restored after the expiration of that three-month period, the income exemption requirements contained in Section 11450.12 and the work requirements contained in subdivision (b) of Section 11201 shall apply.

(i) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2020, and, as of January 1, 2021, is repealed.

SEC. 2. Section 11322.64 is added to the Welfare and Institutions Code, to read: 11322.64.

(a) (1) The department, in consultation with the County Welfare Directors Association of California, shall develop an allocation methodology to distribute funding for expanded subsidized employment programs for CalWORKs recipients, or individuals described in Section 11320.15 who have exceeded the time limits specified in subdivision (a) of Section 11454. ~~This methodology shall be developed annually considering the data obtained from the CalWORKs Outcomes and Accountability Review (Cal OAR) pursuant to Sections 11523 to 11523.2, inclusive.~~

(2) Funds allocated pursuant to this section shall be utilized to cover expenditures related to the wage costs, nonwage costs, and operational costs of the expanded subsidized employment program. Operational costs include the cost of overseeing the program and developing work sites.

(b) Funds allocated for expanded subsidized employment shall be in addition to, and independent of, the county allocations made pursuant to Section 15204.2.

(c) Each county shall submit to the department a plan regarding how it intends to utilize the funds allocated pursuant to this section.

(d) Participation in expanded subsidized employment pursuant to this section shall be limited to a maximum of 12 months for each participant, with the goal of either obtaining unsubsidized employment with the participating employer, or obtaining specific skills and experiences relevant for unsubsidized employment in a particular field.

(e) A county may continue to provide expanded subsidized employment funded under this section to individuals who become ineligible for CalWORKs benefits in accordance with Section 11323.25.

(f) A county may use existing funds provided under this section to provide employment services for noncustodial parents of children receiving benefits under the CalWORKs program.

(g) Upon application for CalWORKs assistance after a participant's expanded subsidized employment ends, if an assistance unit is otherwise eligible within three calendar months of the date that expanded subsidized employment ended, the income exemption requirements contained in Section 11451.5 and the work requirements contained in subdivision (c) of Section 11201 shall apply. If aid is restored after the expiration of that three-month period, the income exemption requirements contained in Section 11450.12 and the work requirements contained in subdivision (b) of Section 11201 shall apply.

(h) This section shall become operative on July 1, 2020.