



Proposed 2009 North Central CT Legislative Priorities

1. Maintain Funds to Support Summer and Year-Round Youth Employment		
<p>Allocation Request:</p> <p>Maintain the current allocation of \$5 million which appropriates \$1,625,000 for North Central CT</p> <p>for each of the FYs 09/10 and 10/11 and as part of the bi-annual budget.</p>	<p>Description:</p> <p>Provide employment and learning programs for youths, ages 14 – 19, developing opportunities for continuity in year-round employer engagement activities that instill career competencies and career development.</p> <p><i>Note: The Governor's \$250,000 rescission in September 2008 eliminated services to about 250 at risk youth statewide for year-round services in 12-15 municipalities reducing the number of young people prepared for Connecticut's future workforce. 75 slots alone were eliminated in North Central CT.</i></p>	<p>Metrics:</p> <p>SUMMER 2008 Statewide: 4,289 Summer Employment Positions 33% increase from last year 3680 additional youth registered but unable to participate</p> <p>SUMMER 2008 – CWP Only: 1,935 Summer Employment Positions 15 % increase from last year 817 additional youth registered but unable to participate.</p> <p>YEAR ROUND 07/08: 300 Youth Served</p> <p>(#s include use of leveraged funds)</p>
2. Maintain Funding for Incumbent Worker Training		
<p>Allocation Request:</p> <p>Maintain the State's current Incumbent Working Training Program funding at the current \$500,000</p> <p>for each of the FYs 09/10 and 10/11 and as part of the bi-annual budget.</p> <p>(\$125,000 to NC Region leveraged with incentive and grant funds)</p>	<p>Description:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target small to medium sized companies that exhibit growth potential within each of the five state regions. • Upgrade the skills of existing "low wage" workers resulting in an increase of workers' wages, promotion, and/or enhancement of business productivity. • State funds would continue to be matched by a 50 % cash match from participating businesses). • Leveraged fund to result in \$1 million for training per year <p><i>Note: Because of high demand, these funds are obligated by December of each year.</i></p> <p>Companies currently participating include: Spartan Aerospace, Phonon Corporation, Gem Sensors, Theis Precision Steel, Hospital Of Central CT, Trinity Hill, Alexandria Manor and VNA Healthcare.</p>	<p>Metrics:</p> <p>07/08 21 -- Businesses Served 585 -- Incumbent Workers Trained</p> <hr/> <p>08/09 (planned) 31 -- Businesses Served 628 -- Incumbent Workers Trained</p> <p>6 -- Waiting List (126 workers) – requests still coming in</p>

3. Mortgage Crisis Job Training

<p>Request:</p> <p>Sustain momentum from this year's efforts and continue with another \$2.5 million statewide (1.3 million for NC and Eastern CT) to address even longer lists of individuals facing foreclosure.</p>	<p>Description:</p> <p>These funds will be used to continue to assist individuals hit hardest by a declining economy and who have fallen behind on their mortgages in the State. The team of eight Mortgage Crisis Consultants statewide, of which four from Capital Workforce Partners provides job placement assistance, credit counseling, financial literacy training and job training scholarships. In addition, the specialists partner with credit counselors and supporting agencies to improve the borrowers' financial status with lenders.</p>	<p>Metrics for CWP Region / Statewide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • # of Assessments for Eligibility – 500 / 1,000 • # of Training Scholarships – 280 / 560 • # Provided with Career Coaching – 300 / 600 • # Provided with Support Services – 280 / 560 • # Provided with Financial Literacy Training – 220 / 440 • # Provided with Credit Counseling – 73 / 146
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4. Create Prisoner Re-Entry Workforce Development Pilot

<p>Allocation Request:</p> <p>Allocate \$3 million for alternative, comprehensive and community-based employment and educational pilot programs in each of the top 10 “distressed cities.”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hartford 2. New Haven 3. New Britain 4. Waterbury 5. Bridgeport 6. New London 	<p>Description:</p> <p>Program would leverage with resources at the Department of Corrections, CT Workforce Boards/CD DOL, community college system and municipal adult education program and CBOs to provide adults who have been incarcerated with the career competencies and training they need to re-enter the workforce. These individuals provide a talent pool for employers as CT's workforce declines.</p> <p>Pre-Release:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieving career competency certification • Completing GEDs when appropriate • Career exposure activities • Possible ITA completion <p>Release:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ITA completion ○ Internships ○ Case Manager/Job Developer ○ Housing support ○ Medical coverage ○ Job Placement <p>Retention</p> <p>Two retention specialists track clients addressing other challenges that may arise for up to two years</p>	<p>Metrics:</p> <p>_____ inmates to achieve any or all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • career competency certification • GED completion • Career exposure • ITA completion • Internships • Case manager/job developer consult • Housing support • Medical coverage • Job placement • Job retention
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