

Ottawa County Michigan Works! Agency
Waiver Request: Increased Transfer Authority for Program Year 2010

Ottawa County Michigan Works (OCMWA) is requesting a waiver of WIA statutory and regulatory requirements to allow transfer of up to 50% of funding between Adult and Dislocated Worker allocations. This waiver will give the MWA the flexibility to serve persons with funding from the program for which they qualify.

Statutory Requirements to be Waived

Ottawa County Michigan Works is seeking a waiver of restrictions on the Transfer Authority given to local areas in Section 133(b)(4) of the WIA, which allows a transfer of up to 20% between adult and dislocated worker allocations. The waiver would allow Transfer Authority of up to 50% between these two funding streams. These funds will be expended as required within each program on allowable activities for those persons who are eligible to receive services. Program and fiscal reporting will be conducted as required as well.

State or Local Statutory Barriers

There are no existing state or local statutory or regulatory barriers to implementation of this waiver request.

Outcomes to be Achieved by obtaining the Waiver

The outcomes of this waiver include WIA common measures as well as state performance measures associated with Adult and Dislocated Worker allocations. An additional outcome will be to increase the number of participants enrolled in training activities under No Worker Left Behind by allowing us to respond to the sometimes unpredictable number of adult & dislocated clients we are seeing in our centers. The ability to transfer funding from Dislocated Worker to Adult, or vice versa if the need arises, will give us the ability to accommodate these clients.

Description of Monitoring Activities

Ottawa County Michigan Works! Agency contracts with a CPA firm, to conduct fiscal and programmatic monitoring of our administrative office as well as all of our service providers.

Ottawa County Michigan Works! has both a fiscal supervisor and program supervisor(s) who conduct desk reviews of all programs and monitor data for accuracy and

completeness. The fiscal supervisor for Ottawa County Michigan Works monitors expenditures to ensure compliance with state and federal fiscal guidelines.

Description of Public Review Process

This waiver request will be made available for download on our website www.miottawa.org/michiganworks for a period of 30 days in order to allow for public review and comment. Two methods will be available for public comment:

Email to Program Supervisor, or
Mail to the Ottawa County Michigan Works office.

Any public comments that express disagreement with this waiver request will be forwarded to the Department of Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth.