

Summary of Workforce Development funding provisions in SB 2595, HA 4 (passed on 9/10/08)
(Lottery lease funding for capital spending bill)

Creates the Capital Workforce Development Fund

This is a special fund in the State treasury, and will receive revenue from the proceeds of the lottery lease in the amount of 1% of the total amount of the proceeds from the lease designated for capital projects. If the lottery is leased for \$10 Billion, and the GROW Illinois Fund (to fund capital infrastructure projects) receives \$7 Billion (70%), that will generate \$70 million dollars in the fund. The Fund will be housed in the Department of Transportation and distributed by making project assistance grants to eligible parties (state contractors and job training/support services providers.)

No less than two-thirds of the funds may be used for grants and other payments for training and non-profit support services, and no more than one-third of the funds may be used for wage subsidies and retention incentives. In order for a state construction contractor to access the funds for wage subsidies and retention, the contractor must negotiate a Community Benefits Agreement that contains a 30% employment goal (that 30% of the work hours on the project must be completed by women, minorities and individuals living in low-income communities.)

Allowable uses of the fund include, but are not limited to:

- a. Pre-employment services
- b. Pre-apprenticeship training
- c. Apprenticeship training
- d. Skills training
- e. Wage subsidies
- f. Wage stipends
- g. Retention incentives

Creates the Capital Workforce Development Oversight Board

This is an executive board with decision making power. The following persons will be represented on the Board:

- a. The Secretary of the Department of Transportation or their designee
- b. The Director of the Department of Labor or their designee
- c. The Director of the Department of Commerce and Economic Development or their designee
- d. The Director of the Illinois Community College Board or their designee
- e. A member representing a non-profit organization that has demonstrated expertise providing services to women, and preparing workers for employment in the building trades.
- f. A member representing a non-profit organization that has demonstrated expertise providing services to minority groups that are underrepresented in skilled occupations in the building trades.
- g. A member representing a non-profit organization that has demonstrated expertise providing services to low-income and chronically unemployed individuals
- h. A representative of labor – specifically related to the building trades
- i. A state contractor
- j. 2 reps from congregation-based community organizations with experience with community benefits agreements – one in Chicago and one downstate.

The duties of the Board will be to approve all project assistance grants, monitor the effectiveness of the project assistance grant program, approve the community benefits agreements and certify such approval to the Secretary or relevant agency, and determine the contracting parties' compliance with the 30% employment goal.