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(a) Participant Wages and Fringe Benefits, consisting of wages paid and fringe benefits provided to participants for hours of community service assignments, as described in § 641.565;

(b) Outreach, recruitment and selection, intake, orientation, assessment, and preparation and updating of IEPs;

(c) Participant training provided on the job, in a classroom setting, or utilizing other appropriate arrangements, consisting of reasonable costs of instructors' salaries, classroom space, training supplies, materials, equipment, and tuition;

(d) Subject to the restrictions in § 641.535(c), job placement assistance, including job development and job search assistance, job fairs, job clubs, and job referrals; and

(e) Participant supportive services, as described in § 641.545. (OAA sec. 502(c)(6)(A)).

§ 641.867 What are the limitations on the amount of SCSEP administrative costs?

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), no more than 13.5 percent of the SCSEP funds received for a Program Year may be used for administrative costs.

(b) The Department may increase the amount available for administrative costs to not more than 15 percent, in accordance with § 641.870. (OAA sec. 502(c)(3)).

§ 641.870 Under what circumstances may the administrative cost limitation be increased?

(a) SCSEP recipients may request that the Department increase the amount available for administrative costs. The Department may honor the request if:

(1) The Department determines that it is necessary to carry out the project; and

(2) The recipient demonstrates that:

(i) Major administrative cost increases are being incurred in necessary program components, including liability insurance, payments for workers' compensation, costs associated with achieving unsubsidized placement goals, and other operation requirements imposed by the Department;

(ii) The number of employment positions in the project or the number of

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minority eligible individuals participating in the project will decline if the amount available for paying the cost of administration is not increased; or

(iii) The size of the project is so small that the amount of administrative expenses incurred to carry out the project necessarily exceeds 13.5 percent of the amount for such project. (OAA sec. 502(c)(3)).

(b) A request by a recipient or prospective recipient for an increase in the amount available for administrative costs may be submitted as part of the grant application or as a separate submission at any time after the grant award.

§ 641.873 What minimum expenditure levels are required for participant wages and fringe benefits?

(a) Not less than 75 percent of the SCSEP funds provided under a grant from the Department must be used to pay for the wages and fringe benefits of participants in such projects, including awards made under section 502(e) of the OAA. (OAA sec. 502(c)(6)(B)).

(b) An SCSEP recipient is in compliance with this provision if at least 75 percent of the total expenditures of SCSEP funds provided to the recipient were for wages and benefits, even if one or more subrecipients did not expend at least 75 percent of their SCSEP funds for wages and fringe benefits for community service projects.

(c) Recipients receiving both general SCSEP funds and section 502(e) funds must meet the 75 percent requirement based on the total of both grants.

§ 641.876 When will compliance with cost limitations and minimum expenditure levels be determined?

The Department will determine compliance by examining expenditures of SCSEP funds. The cost limitations and minimum expenditure level requirements must be met at the time all such funds have been expended or the period of availability of such funds has expired, whichever comes first.

§ 641.879 What are the fiscal and performance reporting requirements for recipients?

(a) In accordance with 29 CFR 97.40 or 29 CFR 95.51, as appropriate, each SCSEP recipient must submit an

SCSEP Quarterly Progress Report (QPR) to the Department in electronic format via the Internet within 30 days after the end of each quarter of the Program Year (PY). The SCSEP recipient must prepare this report to coincide with the ending dates for Federal PY quarters. Each SCSEP recipient must also submit a final QPR to the Department within 90 days after the end of the grant period. If the grant period ends on a date other than the last day of a Federal Program Year quarter, the SCSEP recipient must submit the final QPR covering the entire grant period no later than 90 days after the ending date of the grant. The Department will provide instructions for the preparation of this report. (OAA sec. 503(f)(3)).

(b) In accordance with 29 CFR 97.41 or 29 CFR 95.52, each SCSEP recipient must submit an SCSEP Financial Status Report (FSR) in electronic format to the Department via the Internet within 30 days after the ending of each quarter of the Program Year. Each SCSEP recipient must also submit a final FSR to the Department via the Internet within 90 days after the end of the grant period. If the grant period ends on a date other than the last day of a Federal PY quarter, the SCSEP recipient must submit the final FSR covering the entire grant period no later than 90 days after the ending date of the grant. The Department will provide instructions for the preparation of this report. (OAA sec. 503(f)(3)).

(1) Financial data are required to be reported on an accrual basis, and cumulatively by funding year of appropriation. Financial data may also be required on specific program activities.

(2) If the SCSEP recipient's accounting records are not normally kept on the accrual basis of accounting, the SCSEP recipient must develop accrual information through an analysis of the documentation on hand.

(c) Each State agency receiving title V funds must annually submit an equitable distribution report of SCSEP positions by all recipients in the State. The Department will provide instructions for the preparation of this report. (OAA sec. 508).

(d) Each SCSEP recipient that receives section 502(e) funds must submit

reports on its section 502(e) activities. The Department will provide instructions for the preparation of these reports. (OAA sec. 503(f)(3)).

(e) Each SCSEP recipient must collect data and submit reports regarding the program performance measures and the common performance measures. See §§641.700-641.720. The Department will provide instructions detailing these measures and how recipients must prepare this report.

(f) Each SCSEP recipient may be required to collect data and submit reports about the demographic characteristics of program participants. The Department will provide instructions detailing these measures and how recipients must prepare this report.

(g) Federal agencies that receive and use SCSEP funds under interagency agreements must submit project fiscal and progress reports in accordance with this section. Federal recipients must maintain the necessary records that support required reports according to instructions provided by the Department. (OAA sec. 503(f)(3)).

(h) Recipients may be required to maintain records that contain any other information that the Department determines to be appropriate in support of any other reports that the Department may require. (OAA sec. 503(f)(3)).

(i) Grantees submitting reports that cannot be validated or verified as accurately counting and reporting activities in accordance with the reporting instructions may be treated as failing to submit reports, which may result in failing one of the responsibility tests outlined in §641.440 and section 514(d) of the OAA.

§641.881 What are the SCSEP recipient's responsibilities relating to awards to subrecipients?

(a) The SCSEP recipient is responsible for all grant activities, including the performance of SCSEP activities by subrecipients, and ensuring that subrecipients comply with the OAA and this part. (See also OAA sec. 514 on responsibility tests).

(b) Recipients must follow their own procedures for allocating funds to other entities. The Department will