incentive grants to SDA’s and grants to SDA’s for capacity building and technical assistance.

§ 628.305 State distribution of funds.

(a) The funds made available to the Governor under sections 202(c) and 262(c) of the Act shall be used to carry out activities and services under this subpart.

§ 628.310 Administration.

Funds provided to the Governor under sections 202(c)(1)(A) and 262(c)(1)(A) of the Act may be used for overall administration, management, oversight of program performance; technical assistance to SDA’s failing to meet performance standards, as described in section 106(j)(1) of the Act; auditing; and activities under sections 121 and 122 of the Act.

§ 628.315 Education coordination and grants.

(a) Governor’s responsibilities. The Governor shall allocate funds available pursuant to sections 202(c)(1)(C) and 262(c)(1)(C) of the Act to any State education agency. For the purposes of this section, “State education agency” shall not include the State agency which administers the JTPA program within the State or other agencies which do not have education as a primary and operational function, such as correctional agencies, although this limitation shall not preclude such an agency from being an ultimate sub-recipient of funds (section 123(a)(1)).

(b) Agreements. (1) The State education agency to be allocated funds under section 123(a)(1) of the Act shall participate in joint planning activities with the Governor in order to develop a plan which shall be submitted in the GCSSP (section 123(c)).

(2) The Governor and the State education agency shall jointly agree on the plan required in paragraph (b)(1) of this section, which shall include a description of the agreements described in paragraph (b)(3) of this section (section 123(c)).

(3) Projects to undertake the activities set forth in section 123(a)(2) shall be conducted in accordance with agreements between the State education agency(ies) and administrative entities in service delivery areas in the State. The agreements may include other entities such as State agencies, local education agencies and alternative service providers (section 123(b)(1)(B)).

4(i) When there is a failure by the State education agency and the Governor to develop the joint plan described in paragraph (b)(2) of this section, the Governor shall not allocate funds under section 123(a)(1) to such education agency nor shall such funds be available for expenditure by the Governor (section 123(c)).

(ii) When no State education agency accepts the allocation of funds under section 123(a)(1), or when there is a failure to reach the agreement(s) specified in paragraph (b)(3) of this section, the funds may only be used by the Governor pursuant to section 123(e) and in accordance with the GCSSP (section 123(e)).

(c) Allowable activities. (1) Funds made available for education coordination and grants under section 123 of the Act shall be used to pay the Federal share of education coordination and grants projects (section 123(a)(2)).

(2) Projects, as defined at section 123(a)(2)(A), (B), and (C) of the Act shall be conducted for eligible individuals and should include those which:

(i) Provide school-to-work services of demonstrated effectiveness, including youth apprenticeship programs;

(ii) Provide literacy and lifelong learning opportunities and services of demonstrated effectiveness, including basic education and occupational skills training; and

(iii) Provide statewide coordinated approaches to education and training services, including model programs, designed to train, place, and retain women in nontraditional employment (section 123(a)).

(3) Projects for coordination of education and training may also be conducted which may include support activities pertaining to the HRIC which meets the requirements of title VII.

(d) Expenditure requirements. (1)(i) At least 80 percent of the funds allocated under section 202(c)(1)(C) and section 262(c)(1)(C) of the Act shall be expended to pay for the Federal share of projects described in paragraph (c)(3) of this section (section 123(d)(2)(B)).
(ii) The Governor shall assure that not less than 75 percent of the funds expended for such projects are expended for projects for eligible economically disadvantaged participants who experience barriers to employment. For purposes of meeting this requirement, participants meeting the conditions of section 263(a)(2)(B) and (C) and (g) of the Act may be considered economically disadvantaged (section 123(d)(2)(C)).

(iii) Priority for funds not expended for the economically disadvantaged shall be given to title III participants and persons with barriers to employment.

(iv) The Governor may assure compliance with the requirement to serve participants with barriers to employment by targeting projects to particular barrier groups (e.g., school dropouts).

(2) Not more than 20 percent of funds allocated under section 202(c)(1)(C) of the Act may be expended to:

(i) Facilitate coordination of education and training services for participants in the projects described in section 123(a)(2)(A), (B) and (C), or

(ii)(A) Support activities pertaining to a HRIC that meets the requirements of §628.215 of this part, or

(B) Support activities pertaining to a State council which carries out functions similar to those of a HRIC if such council was established prior to July 1, 1992.

(e) Contribution. (1) Except as provided in paragraph (e)(3) of this section, the State shall provide for the contribution of funds, other than the funds made available under this Act, of a total amount equal to the amounts allotted under Section 123;

(2) The Governor shall define and assure the provision of adequate resources by the State to meet the requirements of paragraph (e)(1) of this section. Such amount may include the direct cost of employment and training services provided by other Federal programs or agencies if such use for matching is in accordance with the applicable Federal law governing the use of such funds.

(3) When there is a failure to reach agreement between the State education agency and the administrative entity in the service delivery area, as set forth in paragraph (b)(3) of this section, the requirement for the contribution of funds shall not apply.

(f) Eligible youth, age 14 through 15, may be served in the program under this section to the extent set forth in the agreements under paragraph (b)(3) of this section.

§ 628.320 Services for older individuals.

(a) Consultation. (1) The Governor shall consult with the appropriate PIC’s and chief elected official(s) prior to entering into agreements to provide services under section 204(d) and to assure that services provided to participants under section 204(d) are consistent with the programs and activities provided in the SDA to eligible older participants.

(2) The GCSSP shall specify the process for accomplishing the consultation required by paragraph (a)(2) of this section.

(b) Funds available under section 204(d) shall be used by the Governor to provide services on an equitable basis throughout the State, taking into account the relative share of the population of eligible older individuals residing in each SDA and the participation of such older individuals in the labor force.

(c) Delivery of services. (1) Services to participants eligible under section 204(d) shall be delivered through agreements with SDA’s, private industry councils, public agencies, private non-profit organizations (including veterans organizations) and private-for-profit organizations.

(2) Priority for delivery of services under this section shall be given to agencies and organizations which have a demonstrated effectiveness in providing training and employment services to such older individuals.

(d) Eligibility. (1) Individuals provided services under section 204(d) of the Act shall be economically disadvantaged, based on criteria applicable in the SDA in which they reside, and shall be age 55 or older. However, each program year not more than 10 percent of participants enrolled under section 204(d)