

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act

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Q. Will the specific WIOA requirements for local agreements for funding the one-stop infrastructure costs apply in PY 2016?

No. The specific requirements for the local funding agreements, which are related to how the shared and infrastructure costs of the one-stop service delivery system will be paid by the one-stop partners, need not be satisfied in the funding agreements for PY 2016. States and local areas may continue to negotiate local funding agreements as they have been doing so under WIA for purposes of PY 2016. However, the local funding agreements must satisfy the requirements of section 121(h) of WIOA for purposes of funding the one-stop system in PY 2017.

Q. What happens if the local areas fail to reach an agreement for funding the one-stop system in PY 2016?

In the event of failure to reach an agreement for funding the one-stop system in PY 2016, the State funding mechanism will not yet be applicable as the alternative, as it will not be implemented until PY 2017. Therefore, if a local area fails to reach an agreement for funding the one-stop system in PY 2016, the one-stop partners must continue to use whatever process they have been using under WIA to resolve disputes for purposes of funding the one-stop system during PY 2016.

Q. What can States do now to prepare for implementation of the funding requirements in PY 2017?

The Governor and the State Board should begin developing the guidance to be used by the local areas in negotiating agreements for the funding of the one-stop service delivery system. This guidance should also include the development of a State funding mechanism that will be used in the event that a local area fails to reach an agreement.