



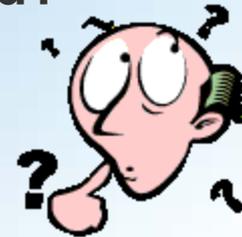
Earmark Grants:

Background Information and the Award Process



Frequently Asked Questions

- What is this conference about? Why am I here?
- Who is the Earmark Center?
- Who is my Federal Project Officer?
- Where do the funds come from?
- When are the funds available?
- What are the funding requirements?
- What is process for getting the grant award?





Philadelphia Earmark Center



- **National Program Office**
- **Responds to inquiries**
- **Reviews grant proposals**
- **Resolve issues regarding “legality” or allowable activities**
- **Provides policy guidance and technical assistance**





Region V's 2010 Earmark Conference

- **How to Stay out of Trouble**
- **Budget Modifications**
- **Fiscal Grants Management**
- **Performance Measures**
- **Provide grantees with guidance and technical assistance**





Who is my Federal Project Officer or Regional Representative?





Where Do the Funds Come From?

- Directed by Congress
- Mandated in the Conference Report
- 145 organizations identified in the Conference Report
- \$48 million 2010
- 31 new Earmarks Region V
- Authorized under Section 171, Pilot, Demonstration & Research Projects, of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998





When are the Funds Available?

- **Funding availability**

- Funds become available the beginning of the program year on April 1, 2010
- Funding authority expires at the end of the program year on June 30, 2011





What are the Funding Requirements?

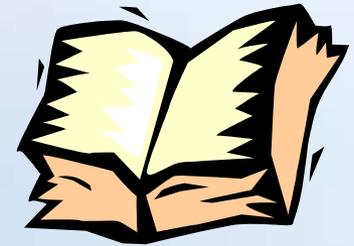
- **Grant proposal should include:**
 - Provision for direct services to individuals
 - Performance outcomes
 - An evaluation component
 - Evidence of coordination with the local workforce delivery system





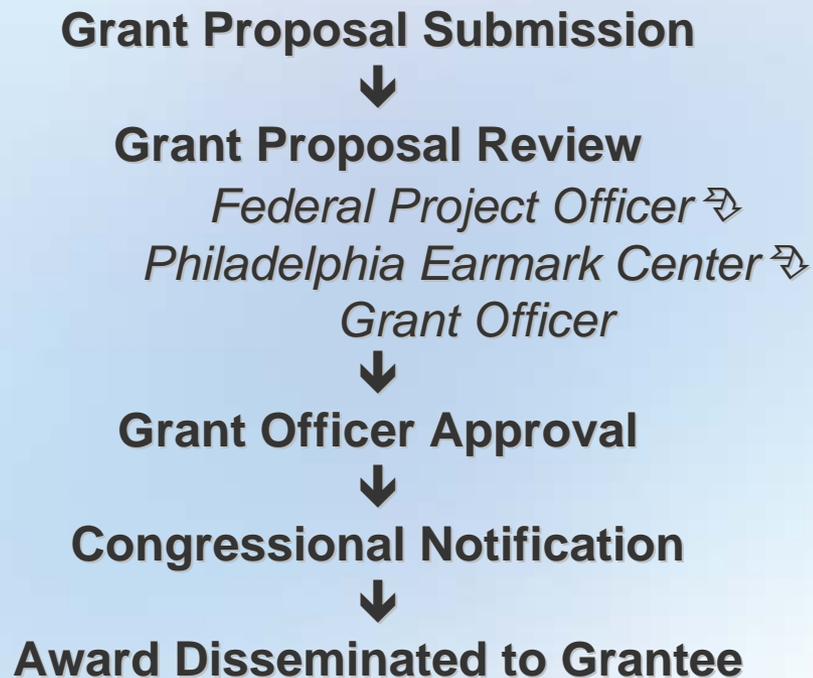
What are the Funding Requirements?

- **Submit a grant proposal that complies with the:**
 - Conference Report
 - WIA Section 171 – P, D, & R Projects
 - WIA Section 181 - Requirements & Restrictions
 - WIA Section 195 – General Administration
 - OMB Rules and Regulations
 - Reference Book One: The Essential Guide for Writing an Earmark Grant Proposal
 - Reference Book Two: A Guide to Financial & Grant Management Requirements for Earmark Grants
- **Awarded within the time frames**





What is the Process for Receiving the Grant Award?





Factors that Delay Award Process

- **Unallowable activities**
- **Insufficient evidence of linkage to the workforce system**
- **Budget calculation errors**
- **Incorrect period of performance dates**
- **Vague outcomes**
- **Missing evaluation component**
- **Incorrect amount of total award amount**





Region V's Internal Earmark Timelines

- **Earliest grant can be submitted....NOW!!**
- **First draft Monday August 2, 2010**
- **Final draft Friday, October 1, 2010**
- **60 to 90 days after PEC sends to National office for final approval**



