



Needs-Related Payments Policy

Effective: March 1, 2017

Revised: November 17, 2021

Reference: WIOA 680.930-970

Policy:

The Oswego County Workforce NY (OCWNY) Career Center will make Needs-Related Payments available to clients if needed for participation in a Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) approved training service. A stipend of \$182 per week (or actual unemployment insurance rate, whichever is less) will be available to a client requiring a needs-related payment. Needs-related payments will be issued to approved clients while attending school full-time. Needs-related payments may be authorized up to a maximum of 52 weeks (pending availability of funding) under the following criteria:

Adults

- Unemployed; and
- Do not qualify for, or have ceased to qualify for unemployment insurance; and
- Are enrolled in a WIOA approved training service; and
- Family income (based on family size) does not exceed 200% of the poverty level

Dislocated Workers

- Unemployed; and
- Do not qualify for, or have ceased to qualify for unemployment insurance or Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA); and
- Are enrolled in a WIOA approved training service; and
- Family income (based on family size) does not exceed 200% of the poverty level

*Needs-related payments will be allowable for designated school breaks other than the summer break.