



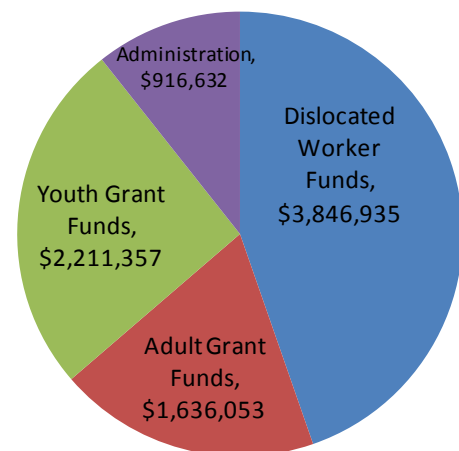
Workforce Board Financial Snapshot

2011—2012 Financial Plan

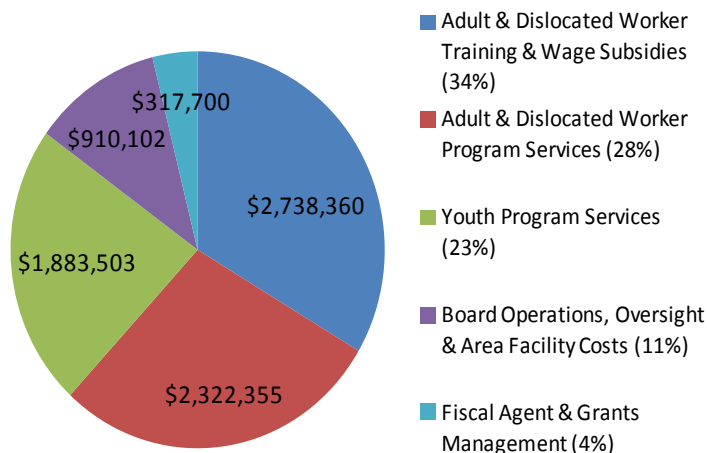
The Workforce Board of Northern Cook County is the grant recipient of the Workforce Investment Act Grants, Trade Adjustment Assistance Grants, and National Emergency Grants targeted to the workforce and economic development of north and northwest suburban Cook County. Grants are made available through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) and are typically on an annual funding cycle of July through June. The Workforce Board has \$8.6 million in grant funds to work with workforce development partners and key stakeholders to develop the local workforce and increase the skill sets necessary for today's jobs. The programs are focused on serving employer and businesses by creating a pool of trained applicants for employment opportunities. The funds are made available through multiple funding streams based on the job seeker population to be served. The grant funds are formula based; in Northern Cook County up to 45% of the funds are formulated to serve the dislocated and long term unemployed worker.

The Workforce Board, with the approval of DCEO, grants the funds to local service providers, high school districts, and community colleges to develop and implement program strategies to the eligible job seeker—low income adult, dislocated worker, low skilled job seeker, underemployed and the transitioning young adult and youth population.

The service delivery system receives \$1.9million to work directly with the job seekers and the employer community. In addition, \$2.million in funds are made available to authorize enrollment and payments to the unemployed and underemployed for vocational and occupation training; with an additional \$700,000 in



Total Grant Funds Available



Workforce Board Annual Budget

Three community college districts serve the jurisdiction of the Workforce Board of Northern Cook County — Oakton Community College, Harper College and Elgin Community College. Funds totaling close to \$400,000 have been awarded to the colleges to establish workforce development services to key population groups and develop a workforce training platform for the job seekers to successfully transition from skill training and credentialing to employment.

Six youth contracts have been awarded up to \$1.9 million in WIA Youth Funds to serve over 400 youth throughout the local workforce area. Career explorations and pathway development along with paid internship opportunities have been the focus of the successful programs.