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Sequence: BCFTA Update 2013-13

Topic: Food Assistance Employment and Training (FAET) Allocations

BCFTA provided a FFY13 budget to all CDJFS for a FAET 100% allocation at the beginning of the grant period. However, the FAET 100% grant is less than anticipated and the budget must be revised. Counties will receive a Revised Budget Notice through CFIS Web. Also effective with FFY 13, counties will receive two additional FAET allocations, resulting in an overall increase in funding for the FAET program.

As a result of this additional funding and federal reporting requirements, BCFTA has made changes and/or additions to FAET financial coding and FAET RMS coding. Financial coding is effective October 1, 2012. RMS coding will be effective on December 1, 2012. The purpose of the BCFTA update is to explain the FAET allocations and the allowable/unallowable costs for each allocation. Policy changes are in process and will be completed soon.

FAET 100% ALLOCATION (*Existing Allocation – amount being revised*)

The regular FAET allocation reimburses the county for costs associated with the planning, implementation and operation of a county's E&T program. Allowable costs may include appraisal and assessment of employability skills, but not whether the person is actually work required (e.g. disability assessment/psychological assessment). Costs **may not** include participant expenses, including county contracts for transportation. This allocation consists of 100% federal funds. Only the following activities can be coded to this allocation:

Direct Costs

JFSFA241 –FAET Services - Contracts, purchased services and prior federally approved equipment for assessment and appraisal of FAET recipients; for FAET components (e.g. job search and work experience program); and for sanction of an FAET participant. Not used for transportation or other participant expenses (use JFSFA281). For the FAET work experience program (WEP), this code should be used for county workers compensation payments. Consists of 100% federal FAET funds.

RMS Costs

Project codes: *JFSFFAI300/JFSFFAS300* FA and FAET – Activities related to the food assistance and food assistance employment and training program.

Activity codes: *JFSSAI308/JFSSAS308* FAET – (*revised*) Work Experience Program (WEP), Job Club/Job Search, appraisal and assessment and other administrative activities for all FAET participants. **Does not include transportation.** Consists of 100% federal funds.

FAET OPERATING ALLOCATION (*New Allocation*)

The FAET Operating allocation is additional funding that reimburses the county for FAET costs once a county has exhausted its regular FAET allocation. This funding is allocated to counties using the same methodology as regular FAET. This allocation consists of 50% state FAET funds and 50% federal FAET funds. A county

should exhaust the regular FAET before using the FAET Operating funding. If a county goes into ceiling excess for their regular FAET allocation, they may move the excess to the FAET Operating allocation using the following financial code or post allocated adjustment:

Financial Code

JFSFA212 – *FAET Operating* – Allowable adjustment from regular FAET to FAET operating.

Allowable expenses are the same expenses for JFSFA241. Consists of 50% federal FAET and 50% state FAET funds. *r*

Post Allocated Adjustment

From FAET to FAET Operating

If a ceiling excess is created in the FAET operating allocation, a county can use the current post allocated adjustment to move from FAET operating to Food Assistance/Income Maintenance.

FAET PARTICIPANT ALLOWANCE ALLOCATION

The FAET Participant Allowance allocation reimburses the county for any participant expense including county contracts. Participant expenses are those expenses that are necessary for participation in the program. This allocation consists of 50% state FAET funds and 50% federal FAET funds. It is allocated to counties using the same methodology as the regular FAET allocation. Counties are mainly reimbursed based on costs reported in CRIS-E. However, there may be costs that cannot be reported in CRIS-E. The following activities can be coded to this allocation, but are not eligible expenditures for the regular FAET funding:

Direct Costs

JFSFA281 – *FAET Participant Expenses* – Allowable participant expenses that are necessary for participation in the program which can include: Contracts, purchased services, and prior federally approved equipment costs for transportation provided for FAET participants (e.g. bus passes, mileage reimbursement, contracts with taxi/transportation companies, etc); tuition/fees, training materials, books, registration fees, clothing for job interviews, licensing/bonding fees, fingerprinting, background checks, uniforms, and other costs not listed in other FAET related Codes. Consists of 50% federal FAET and 50% state FAET funds.

RMS Costs (New)

Project codes: *JFSFFAI300/JFSFFAS300* FA and FAET – Activities related to the food assistance and food assistance employment and training program.

Activity codes: *JFSSAI310/JFSSAS310* FAET Transportation – Direct delivery of transportation services and administrative activities related to FAET transportation. Consists of 50% federal FAET and 50% state FAET funds.

If a ceiling excess is created in the FAET Participant Allowance allocation, a county can use the current post allocated adjustment to move from FAET Participant Allowance to Food Assistance/Income Maintenance.

Codes JFSFA202 and JFSFA206 will no longer be used for Participant Expense Allowance. They have been replaced by the above financial codes.

All references to Able-Bodied Adults Without Children (ABAWD) have been removed because Ohio does not currently have a mandatory ABAWD program.

Please contact your ODJFS Fiscal Supervisor if you have any questions.