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ADVISORY: UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM LETTER NO. 23-21, Change 2

TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

FROM: ANGELA HANKS AH
Acting Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: Further Extension of Time to Submit Request for Funding under Grant Opportunity Announced in Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) No. 23-21

1. **Purpose.** To advise states that the deadline for submitting a grant application to assist states in promoting equitable access to unemployment compensation (UC) programs is further extended to December 31, 2021.
2. **Action Requested.** The U.S. Department of Labor’s (Department) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) requests that State Workforce Agency Administrators provide information contained in this UIPL to appropriate staff.
3. **Summary and Background.**
 - a. Summary – On August 17, 2021, the Department issued UIPL No. 23-21 advising states of the availability of funding for activities that promote equitable access to UC programs. In that UIPL, states were advised that grant applications should be submitted no later than October 18, 2021. The Department determined that states needed additional time to submit such applications, and extended the deadline to November 30, 2021, in UIPL No. 23-21, Change 1, issued on November 1, 2021. In response to state requests for more time, the deadline for submitting these grant applications is being further extended to December 31, 2021.
 - b. Background – On March 11, 2021, the President signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) into law (Public Law (Pub. L.) 117-2). Section 9032, ARPA, creates a new Section 2118 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (Pub. L. 116-136) and provides a \$2,000,000,000 appropriation to the Secretary of Labor to detect and prevent fraud, to promote equitable access, and to ensure timely payment of benefits to eligible workers with respect to UC programs. See section 4.b. of UIPL No. 23-21 for information on allowable uses for such funds to promote equitable access to UC programs.

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4. **Guidance.** Section 6.a. of UIPL No. 23-21 sets out the required actions that states must complete in applying for a grant under this offering. Section 2 of UIPL No. 23-21 provides that the deadline for submission of applications is October 18, 2021. The Department determined that states needed additional time to review UIPL No. 23-21 and to develop an application in response to the solicitation. Therefore, the Department extended the deadline for submission of the grant applications to November 30, 2021. In response to state requests for more time, the deadline for submitting these grant applications is being further extended to December 31, 2021. All other guidance and information in UIPL No. 23-21 remains the same.

ETA encourages states to submit applications as early as possible. Also, we encourage states to reach out if any technical assistance is needed on developing or completing the grant application or if a state would like to discuss this grant opportunity in more detail. We are also confirming that states will have the opportunity to make revisions to their applications after submission should the ETA review teams determine additional information or documentation is required.

5. **Inquiries.** Please direct inquiries to COVID-19@dol.gov, with a copy to the appropriate ETA Regional Office.

6. **References.**

- American Rescue Plan Act, Pub L. 117-2, enacted March 11, 2021;
- CARES Act, Pub. L. 116-136, enacted March 23, 2020;
- UIPL No. 23-21, *Grant Opportunity for Promoting Equitable Access to Unemployment Compensation (UC) Programs*, issued August 17, 2021, https://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/corr_doc.cfm?DOCN=7400; and
- UIPL No. 23-21, Change 1, *Extension of Time to Submit Request for Funding under Grant Opportunity Announced in Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) No. 23-21*, issued November 1, 2021, https://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/corr_doc.cfm?DOCN=4662.

7. **Attachment(s).** None.