

AN ACT concerning employment.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Community Youth Employment Act.

Section 5. Program; eligibility. Subject to appropriation, the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall administer a competitive grant program that will provide 5,000 youths with stipends or wages, or both, and supervision for up to a 10-week summer work period. The grants shall be awarded only to summer programs, of no more than 100 youths, that:

(1) are created and administered by a community-based organization, not-for-profit organization, educational institution, or governmental entity in Illinois;

(2) employ low-income youths in Illinois between the ages of 14 and 21; and

(3) involve age-appropriate, ability-appropriate, and experience-appropriate:

(A) job training;

(B) life skills;

(C) education counseling;

(D) work readiness skills; or

(E) supervised meaningful work experience

projects.

Section 10. Eligible costs. Grant money awarded under this Act shall be used as follows:

(1) a stipend of \$7.50 per hour for learning activities and at least minimum wage for meaningful work experience for a maximum of 200 hours per participating youth, to be paid over a 10-week period;

(2) to provide salary for supervisors for each summer program;

(3) supportive services, including but not limited to transportation and child care; and

(4) a 10% overhead, per summer program, to provide for insurance and business necessities.

Section 15. Grantee responsibilities. Any entity receiving a grant under this Act must provide services to the youths receiving stipends or wages, or both, under this Act. In providing the following services, the entity must expend, out of the entity's budget, at least 20% of any amount awarded in paragraphs (2) through (4) of Section 10 to provide for services under this Section. The services provided must include:

- (1) job assessment services;
- (2) recreation services;
- (3) job placement services; or

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(4) administration of this youth program.

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.