

TVEP Program

- The TVEP Program (Technical and Vocational Educational Program) was created in 2000 to provide grant assistance to entities in Alaska that delivered specific vocational/technical training. (State agencies and non-profits)
- TVEP is funded by a percentage of employee contributions to unemployment insurance. Currently, that percentage is .16 percent.
- The program involves no state funds (employee contributions to UI).
- Different from the STEP (State Training and Employment Program) program in that the educational entities and the percentage of the overall grant they receive are set in statute. (STEP involves a competitive bid process/TVEP is non-competitive grant)
- Program started with 3 grantees and now has 11 grantees, including the University and AVTEC.
- TVEP total grant in FY 17: \$13,289.3
- In 2014, the TVEP program was extended until June 30, 2017. It will sunset in June without an extension.

Title: TVEP (Alaska Technical and Vocational Education Program)

Issue: Legislative and Program History

Legislative Summary:

The TVEP program was established in 2000 (Ch. 132, SLA 2000) to provide non-competitive grant assistance to education entities in Alaska that delivered specific vocational/technical training as identified by industry, including on-the-job training. Originally, the TVEP funds were managed by the Alaska Human Resource Investment Council (AHRIC), but in 2002, the Legislature (Ch. 102, SLA 2001) renamed the AHRIC to the Alaska Workforce Investment Board.

The TVEP program is funded by a percentage of the employee contributions to unemployment insurance. The funds are transferred to a separate fund under the general fund and are used to support various training centers around the state, along with the University of Alaska and AVTEC (Alaska Vocational and Technical Education). In 2001, when the program began, .10 percent of the employee's contribution to the Alaska Employment Security Act was diverted to the TVEP program. In 2008, the Legislature increased the amount from each employee to .15 percent and, in 2014, to .16 percent. This provided increased grant monies to the program and diversified both the number of grantees and the percentages of support over time.

The TVEP program differs from the State Training and Employment Program (STEP) established in 1989, in that the STEP program grants are awarded by a competitive grant process while the TVEP program's grantees and grant percentages are set in statute. However, TVEP grantees (minus the University and AVTEC), must submit application information into the Department's grants management system every year to determine if the grantee's training aligns with statutory requirements.

Legislative History:

SB 289, Chapter 132, SLA 2000

Under Sec. 23.15.830, the Alaska Technical and Vocational education program account was established in the general fund. In Sec. 23.15.835, the department was given the authority to collect .10 percent of wages for the TVEP fund. Under Sec. 23.15.840, the guidelines to disperse the grants were laid out and the Alaska Human Resource Investment Council (AHRIC) was given authority to disperse those funds. Percentages given to each entity were laid out in statute.

The original recipients and allocations under this bill were to three institutions:

- University of Alaska (52%)
- Kotzebue Training Center (16%)
- Alaska Vocational Technical Center (32%)

HB 137: Ch. 102, SLA 2001

Bill allocated the TVEP receipts along with specific percentages to four institutions:

- University of Alaska (63%)
- Kotzebue Training Center (11%)
- Alaska Vocational Technical Center (22%)
- Galena Project Education Training Center (4%)

SB 252, Ch. 86, SLA 2002

Renamed the AHRIC to the Alaska Workforce Investment Board and laid out membership and responsibilities of the new board. The TVEP receipts were allocated the same as 2001.

HB 123, Ch. 133, SLA 2004

This bill changed the allocation of TVEP funds to the following institutions, and added two new institutions:

- University of Alaska (55%)
- Kotzebue Technical Center (11%)
- Alaska Vocational Technical Center (22%)
- Galena Project Ed Vocational Training Center (4%)
- Southwest Alaska Vocational and Education Center (4%)
- Yuut Elitnaurviat, Inc., People's Learning Center (4%)

HB 2, Ch. 47, SLA 2008

This bill raised the amount collected from employees in the unemployment insurance benefit program from .10 to .15 percent of wages. It changed the allocation of funds and added four new institutions:

- University of Alaska (45%)
- University of Alaska Southeast (5%)
- Kotzebue Technical Center (9%)
- Alaska vocational Technical Center (17%)
- Galena Project Ed Vocational Training Center (4%)
- Northwestern Alaska Career and Technical Center (3%)
- Southwest Alaska Vocational and Education Center (3%)
- Yuut Elitnaurviat, Inc., People's Learning Center (9%)
- Delta Career Advancement Center, Partners for Progress in Delta, Inc. (3%)
- New Frontier Vocational Technical Center (Amundsen Ed. Ctr) (2%)

**In October 2010, the Budget Clarification Project changed the fund source code from “Other” to “Designated General Funds”.

HB 84, Ch. 28, SLA 2013

This bill directed the Alaska Workforce Investment Board to develop and implement policy and procedures that would accept credit or instructional hours from an applicant that provided satisfactory evidence of completion of military training, education or service in the armed forces, Reserves, National Guard or Naval Militia.

HB 278, Ch. 15, SLA 2014

This bill made several changes to the TVEP program including increasing the employee contribution from .15 percent to .16 percent of wages. The sunset date for this program was extended from June 30, 2014 to June 30, 2017. Dual Credit Articulation Agreements were outlined in AS.23.15.835 (d) to offer dual simultaneous high school and college credit. Grantee performance measure reporting was instituted along with a 20 percent penalty for failure to comply. (Grantees submit quarterly reports to the Department and a yearly report, including performance measures, is compiled by DOLWD Research and Analysis and submitted to the legislature every year.) Illisagvik College was added as a recipient of TVEP funds while the University of Alaska Southeast was removed as a recipient:

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- Southwest Alaska Vocational and Education Center (3%)
- Yuut Elitnaurviat, Inc., People’s Learning Center (9%)
- Delta Career Advancement Center, Partners for Progress in Delta, Inc. (3%)
- New Frontier Vocational Technical Center (Amundsen Ed. Ctr) (2%)
- Illisagvik College (5%)

A breakdown of number of TVEP grantees and amount appropriated from FY 2008 through FY 2017 include:

FY	# of Grantees	Amount of Disbursement
2008	6	\$5,698.9
2009	10	\$9,447.0
2010	10	\$9,447.0
2011	10	\$9,747.7
2012	10	\$10,085.0
2013	10	\$10,898.0
2014	10	\$10,760.0
2015	11	\$11,615.4
2016	11	\$12,510.9
2017	11	\$13,289.3

TVEP Partners

Illisagvik College

Northwest Arctic Borough School District -
Alaska Technical Center

Northwestern Alaska Career
and Technical Center

University of
Alaska

Galena Interior
Learning Academy

Partners for Progress in Delta, Inc

TVEP Grant Recipients

Other

Amundsen
Education Center

Yuut Elinaurviat, Inc.
Peoples Learning Center

Southwest Alaska
Vocational and
Education Center

Alaska Vocational Technical Center

