

# SNAP

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program



# Opportunities

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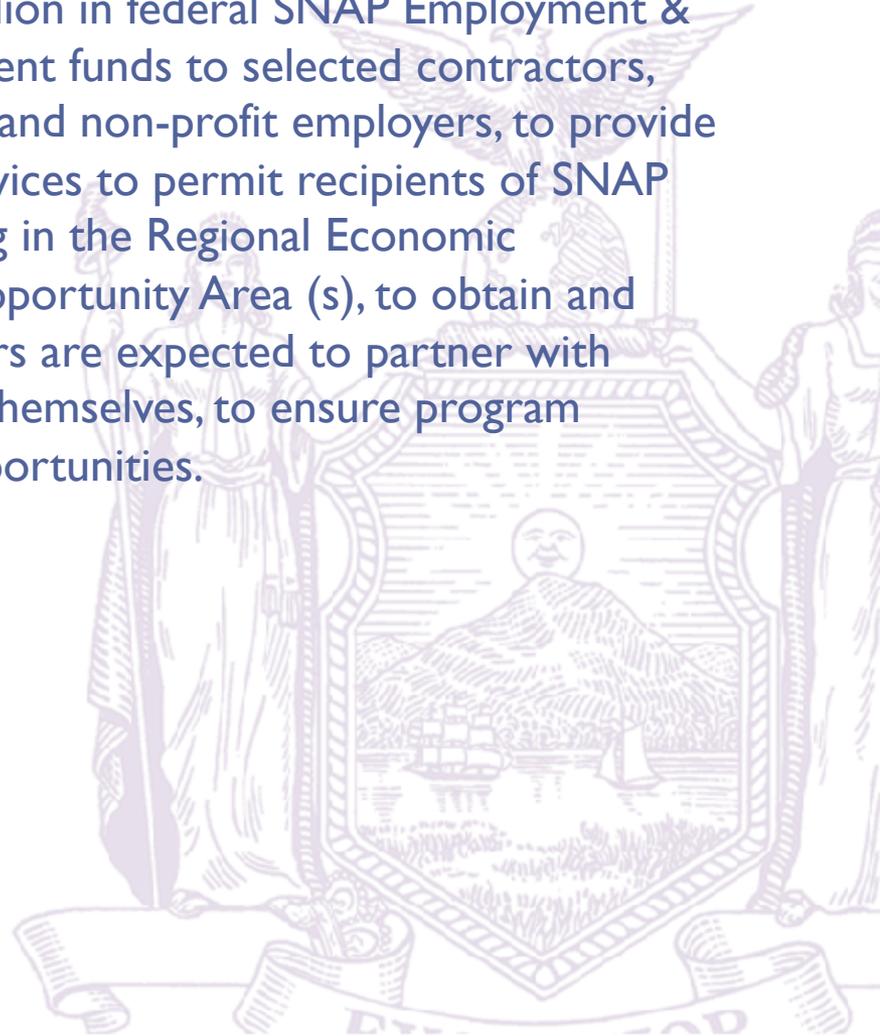
New York State  
Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance

# Program Description

- The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Opportunities program will provide up to \$3 million in federal SNAP Employment & Training (SNAP E&T) reimbursement funds to selected contractors, which may include both for-profit and non-profit employers, to provide job preparation and retention services to permit recipients of SNAP benefits, particularly those residing in the Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) Opportunity Area (s), to obtain and maintain employment. Contractors are expected to partner with employers, or are the employers themselves, to ensure program participants have employment opportunities.

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# Program Goals

- To provide necessary services and case management to enable low-income individuals in receipt of SNAP benefits to obtain and maintain employment.
- To support New York State businesses by providing qualified employees.



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# Funding

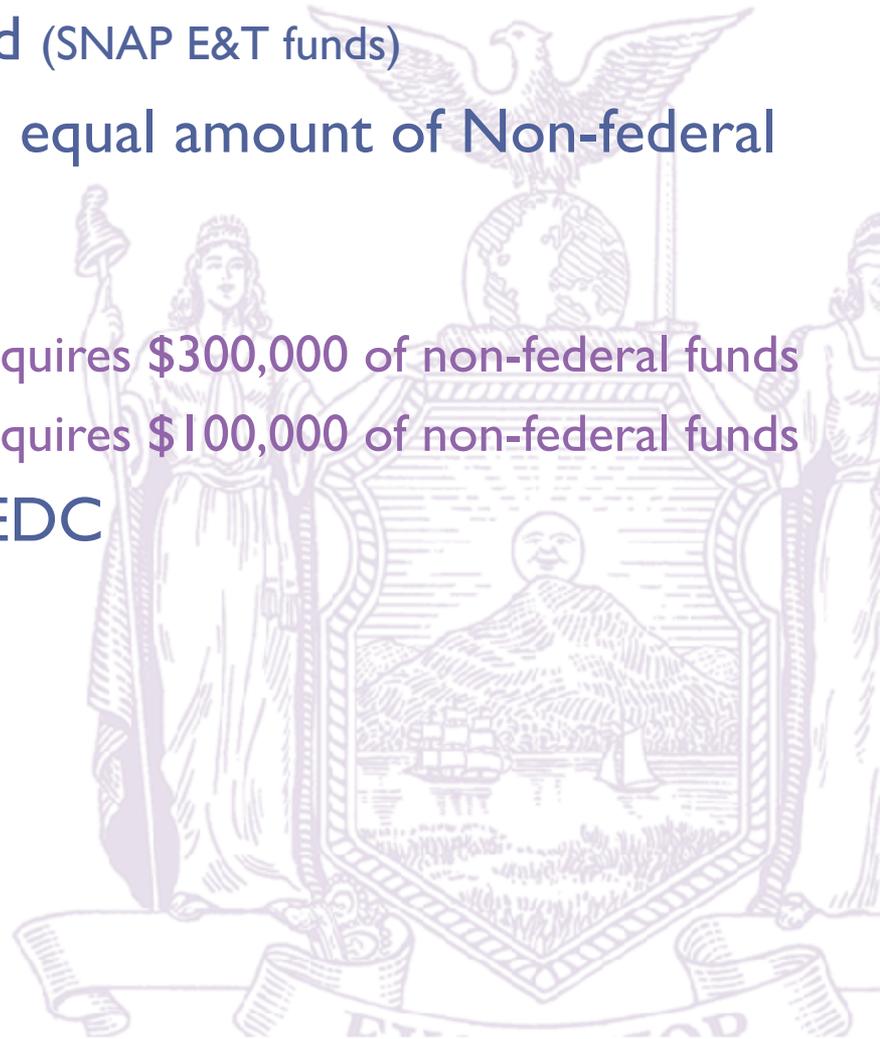
- \$3 Million in SNAP E&T funds available
- Maximum \$300,000 award (SNAP E&T funds)
- Agencies must contribute equal amount of Non-federal funds

Example:

- \$300,000 award request requires \$300,000 of non-federal funds
- \$100,000 award request requires \$100,000 of non-federal funds
- Up to one project per REDC

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# Non-Federal Funding

- Federal SNAP E&T funds are available to meet 50% of the costs of services. Each applicant must identify the source and amount of eligible non-federal funds they will use to support program services. If awarded funding under the SNAP Opportunities program through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA), awardees will be required to complete the SNAP Opportunities budget as part of their negotiated contract with OTDA. The negotiated budget will include the SNAP E&T funds and the non-federal funds contributed by the applicant as planned to support program services.
  - Includes cash, cash donations from charities, local tax levy dollars etc.
  - Funds must NOT already be used to draw federal reimbursement
  - Private cash donations from an individual cannot be used
- Government & Public Agencies (schools, BOCES, colleges etc.)
  - May use eligible “in-kind” contributions

# Eligible Applicants

- Non-profit organizations such as school districts, Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), Workforce Investment Boards (WIBs), community colleges and community-based organizations;
- For-profit businesses, including corporations, LLCs, LLPs, etc.
- Social services districts (SSD) are ineligible to apply under the CFA as they already have access to 50% SNAP E&T reimbursement funding.



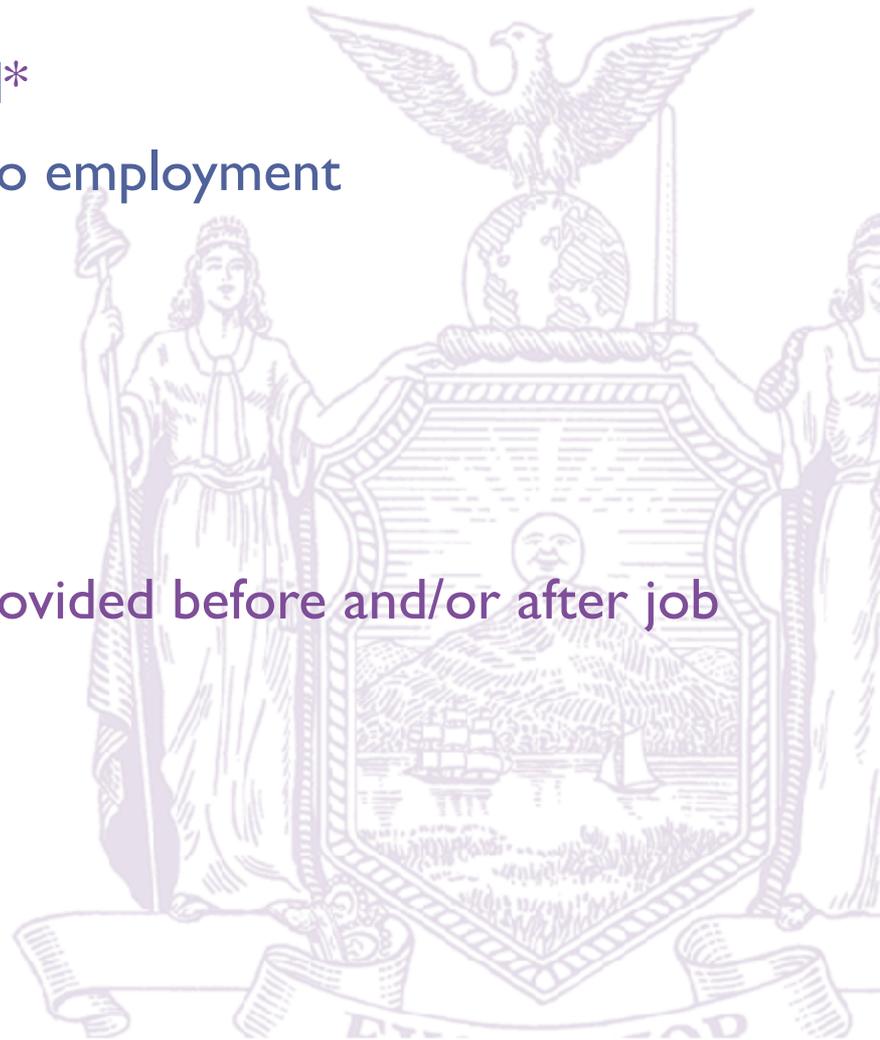
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# Eligible Activities

- Job search and placement
- Job readiness assistance
- Job skills training/vocational\*
- Education training related to employment
- Work experience
- Subsidized employment
- Job retention

\* Job skills training may be provided before and/or after job placement.



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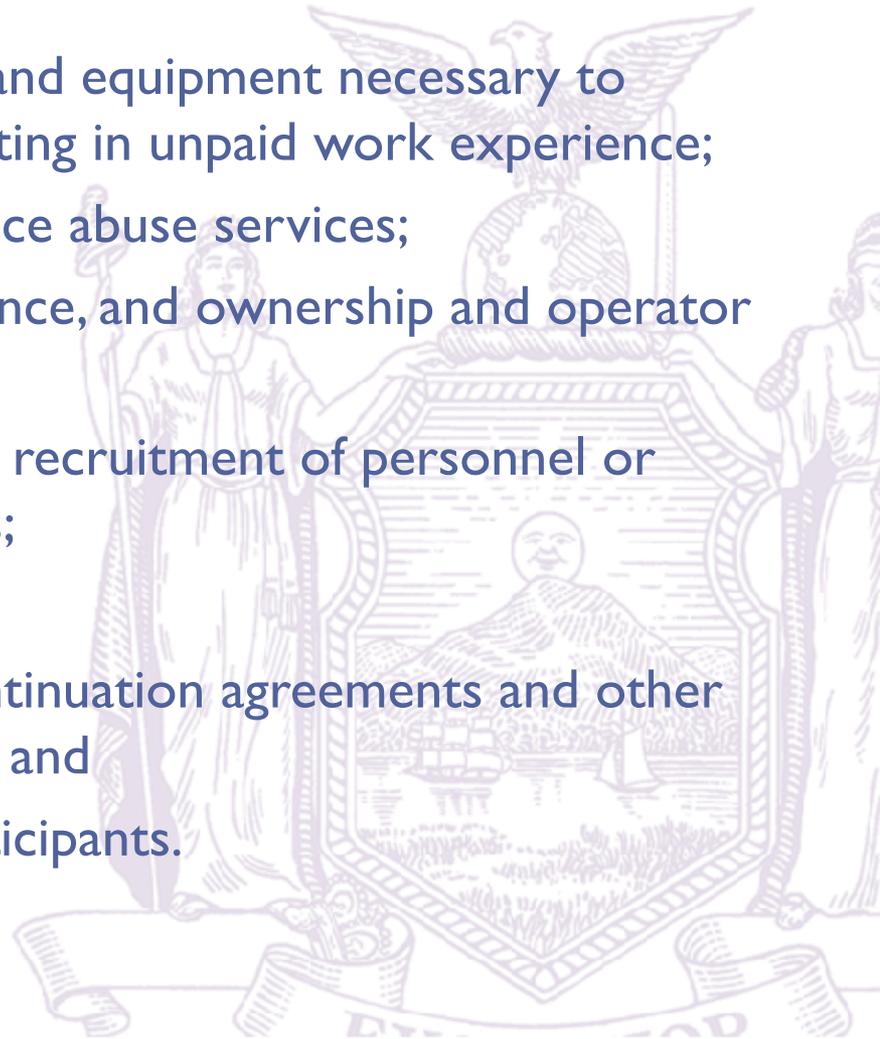
# Ineligible Activities

Include, but are not limited to:

- Wage subsidies;
- Supervision of, or materials and equipment necessary to support, individuals participating in unpaid work experience;
- Medical services and substance abuse services;
- Automobile purchase, insurance, and ownership and operator taxes (tag, title, license).
- Advertising costs, except for recruitment of personnel or procurement of scarce items;
- Capital expenditures;
- Costs for preparation of continuation agreements and other proposal development costs; and
- Monetary incentives for participants.

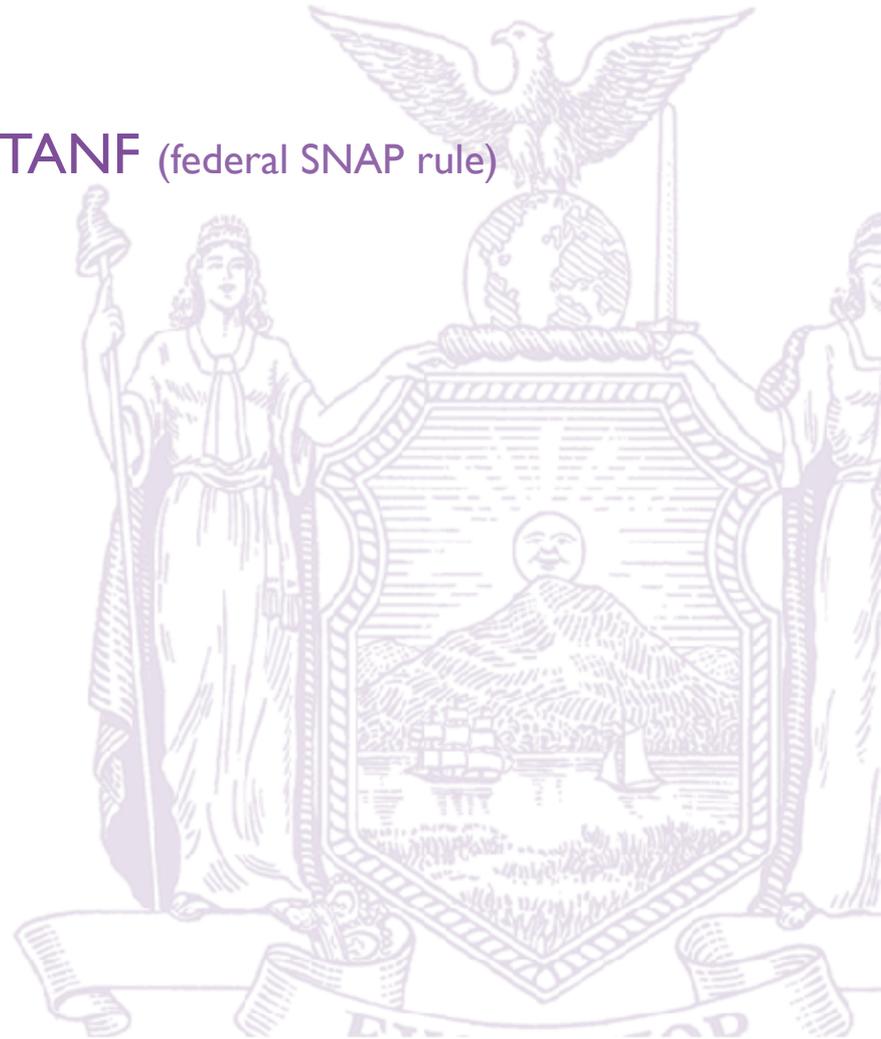
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# Eligible Program Participants

- SNAP Applicants and Recipients who are least 18 years old or 16-17 and not in school
- Must NOT be in receipt of TANF (federal SNAP rule)



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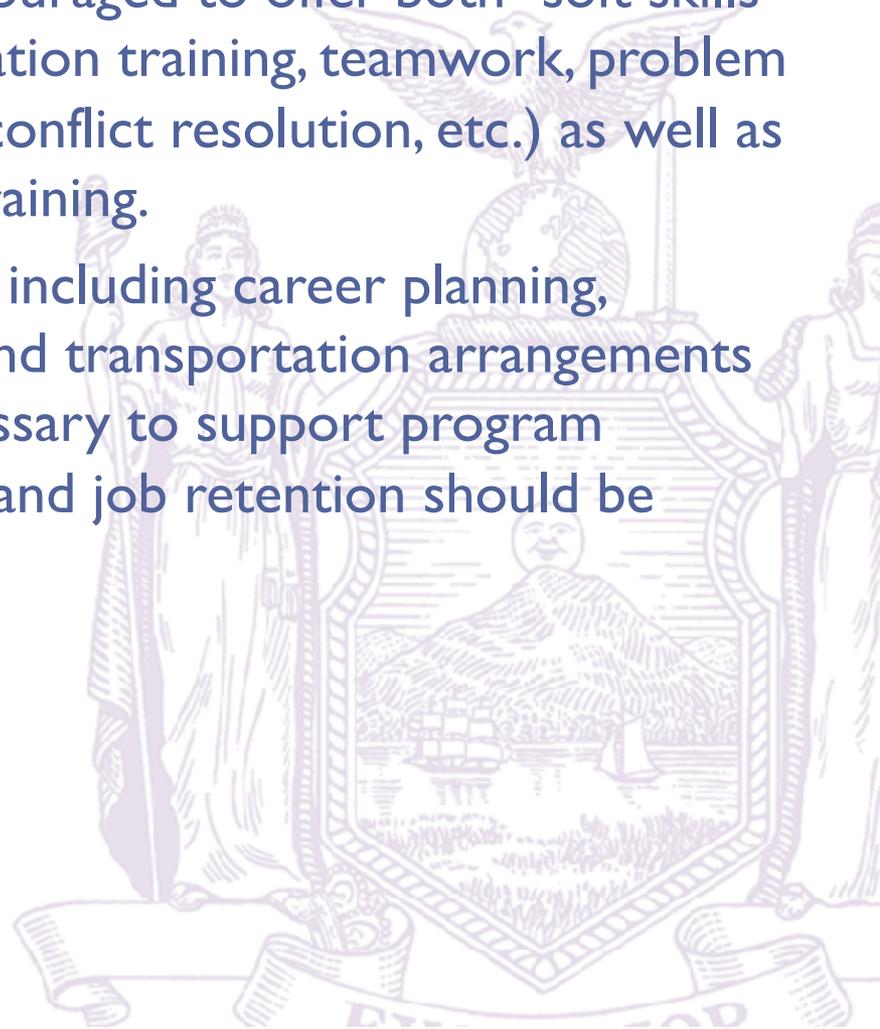
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# Program Design

- Broad latitude in program design
- Program providers are encouraged to offer both “soft skills” training (workplace preparation training, teamwork, problem solving, time management, conflict resolution, etc.) as well as vocational/technical skills training.
- Case management services including career planning, assistance with child care and transportation arrangements or other intervention necessary to support program completion, job placement and job retention should be provided.

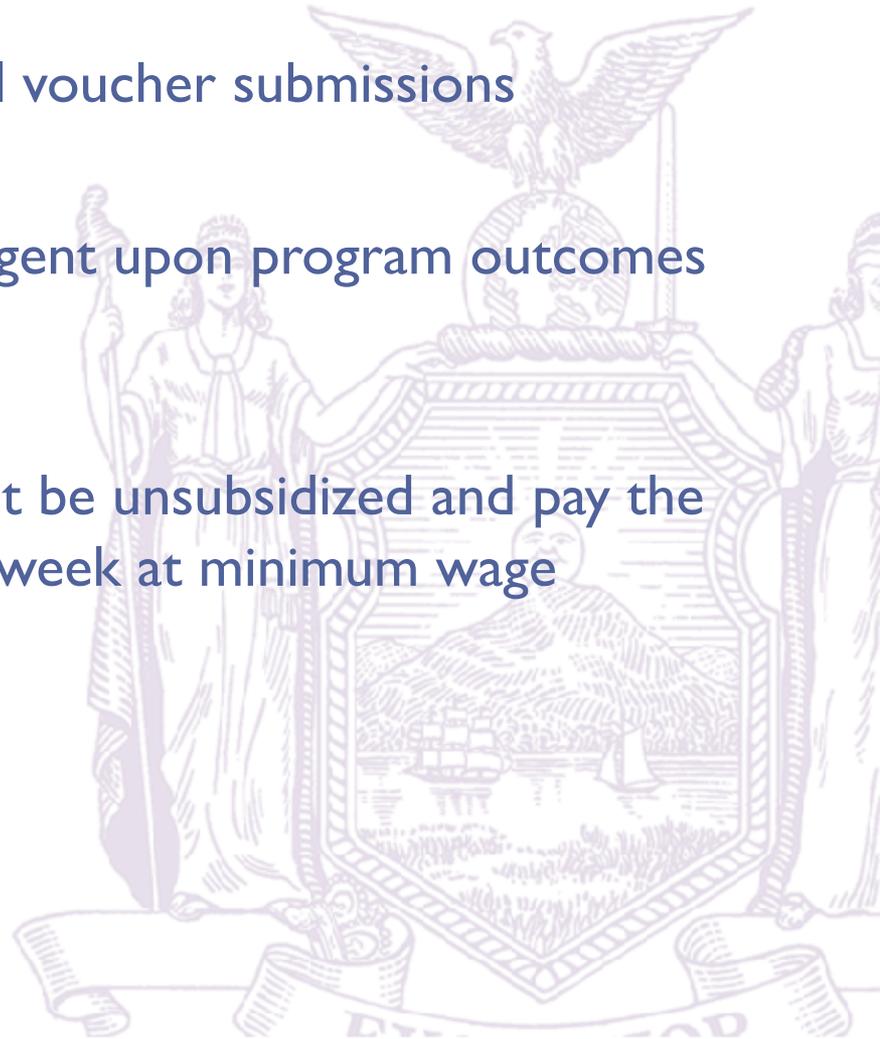
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# Program Reimbursement

- 100% cost based (submission of line-item claims)
- OTDA will retain 20% of all voucher submissions
- 20% reimbursement contingent upon program outcomes (90 Day Job Retentions)
- To qualify, employment must be unsubsidized and pay the equivalent of 30 hours per week at minimum wage



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