

Unemployment Insurance Navigator Program

Virtual applicants' conference – Sept. 13, 2023



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WASHINGTON STATE

Agenda

- Employment Security Department (ESD) staff introductions
- About Employment Security Department
- Program overview and goals
- Questions and answers
- Why IT Accessibility Matters with Dr. Li Yang
- WEBS registration overview with Ernesto Perez, supplier diversity policy program manager at Washington State Department of Enterprise Services

ESD staff introductions

- Rafael Colón, UI Navigator Program manager
- Tonya Tinnin, UI Navigator Program outreach manager
- Stephanie Sams, Unemployment Insurance (UI) policy and legislative implementation manager
- Nino Gray, executive outreach officer
- Jennifer Ward, project manager
- Greg Grahn, contracts, asset management and procurements director
- Jennifer Watson, contracts specialist
- Adam Rudnick, communications consultant
- Dr. Li Yang, LEP and ADA coordinator

About Employment Security Department

Vision

Everyone in Washington has full access to the opportunities, power and resources they need to flourish and achieve their full potential.

Mission

We contribute to healthy communities by providing people equitable access to resources that improve economic security.

Core values

- Access
- Love
- Belonging
- Equity
- Stewardship

UI Navigator Program overview

U.S. Department of Labor grant

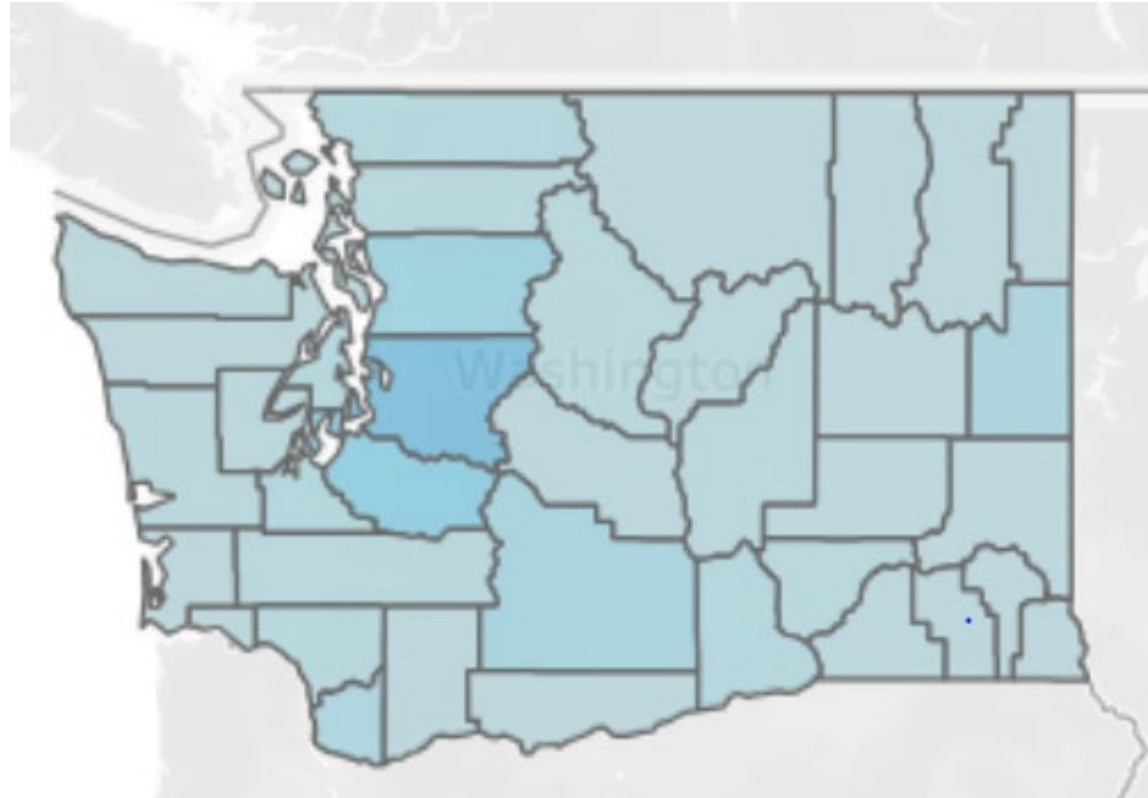
- \$3 million
- Community-based organization can receive awards up to \$500,000
- Period of performance ends June 30, 2025

Purpose

- Help workers learn about, apply for, and – if eligible – receive UI benefits and related services (i.e. navigate the UI program)
- Support ESD in delivering timely benefits to workers

What we know & why we need your help

August 2023
map of initial
claims



Source: <https://esd.wa.gov/labormarketinfo/unemployment-insurance-data>

How we work together

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- Provide: training, funding, resources, grant oversight
- Listen and learn
- Share best practices
- Coordinate CBOs

Community-based organizations

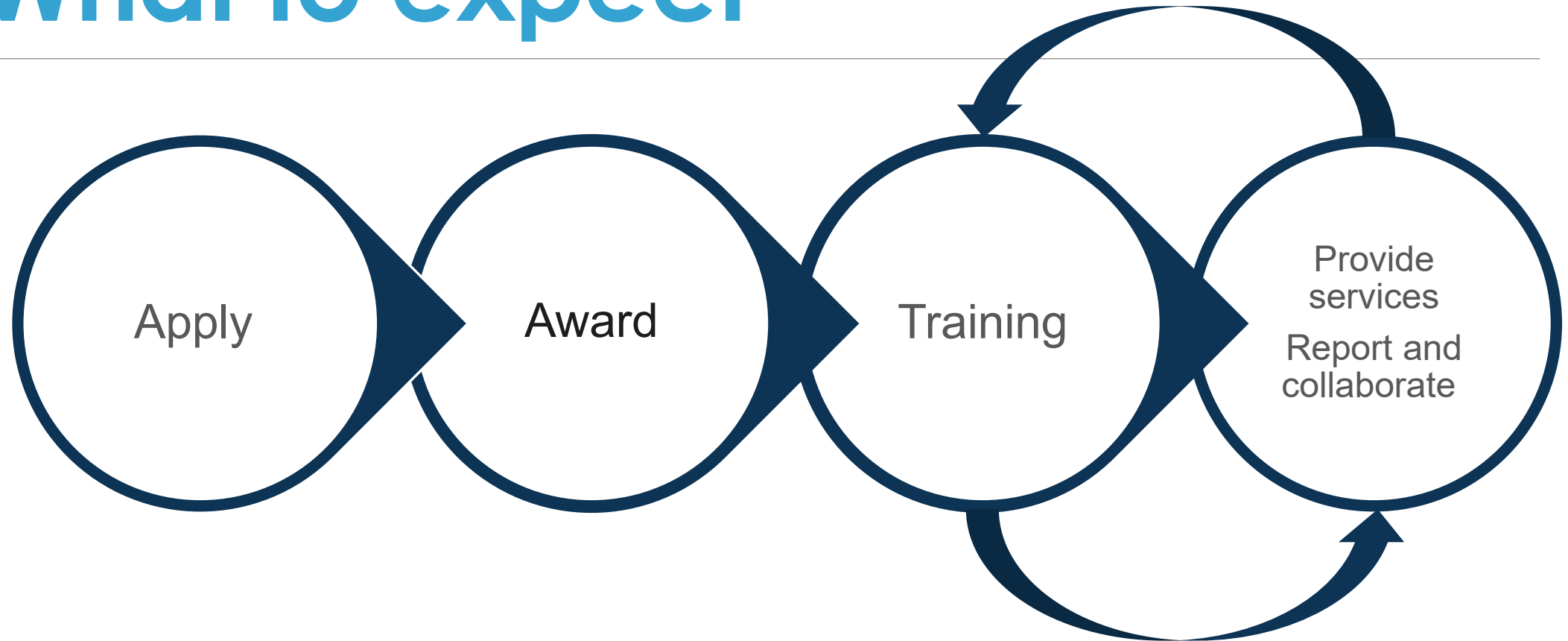
- Receive training and resources
- Provide: outreach, education, and support
- Participate in grant program events, as applicable
- Share information and barriers with ESD

What you will be doing

- Outreach
- Educate
- Support
- Identify barriers
- Collaborate
- Share Info & Report



What to expect



Questions?

Resources:

WEBS

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ga/webs/>

<https://www.des.wa.gov/sell/how-work-state/register-bid-opportunities>

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Thank you!



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