

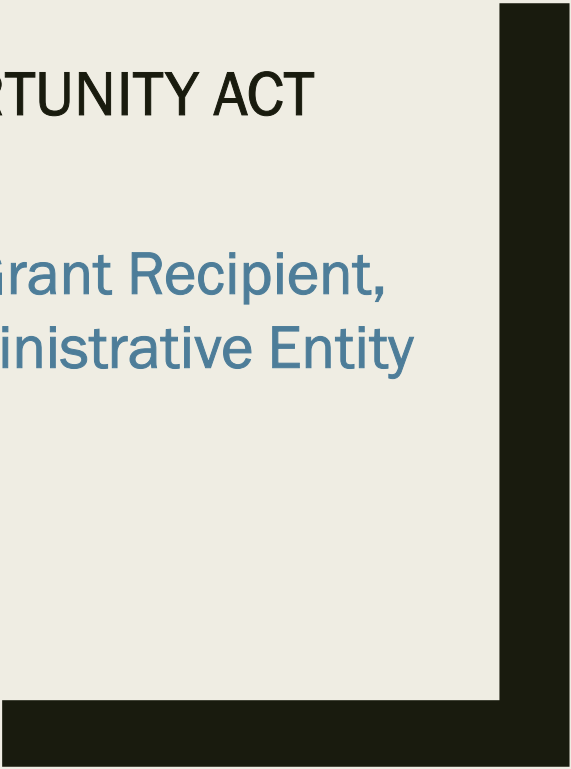


REGION XII

WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT

Continuation of City of Savannah Role as Grant Recipient,
Fiscal Agent, Chief Elected Official and Administrative Entity

Savannah City Council Workshop
June 20, 2019



- **Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966**
 - Addressed disadvantaged youths, unemployed older adults, or welfare recipients and authorized the Model Cities Program
- **Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973**
 - Replaced the fragmented programs funded under Model Cities and provided consolidated federal block grants to establish federal assistance
- **Job Training Partnership Act of 1982** - Established Private Industry Council (PIC)
Locally in 1996:
 - Savannah Chatham PIC and Coastal PIC merged to form Seacoast Workforce Development Board, serving nine coastal counties. (Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, Long and McIntosh)
 - **City of Savannah became fiduciary agent**
- **Workforce Investment Act of 1998**
 - Reformed workforce development system; State designated nine counties as Region 12
- **Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act of 2014**
 - Better aligned workforce development system with education, training, and economic development initiatives for a collective response to labor market challenges.

Region 12 Consortium Agreement and Bylaws

Delineates roles of

- Local Elected Officials (LEOs): 10 County Commission Chairs (Screven added)
- Chief Elected Official (CEO): City of Savannah Mayor (by majority vote of LEOs)
- City of Savannah: Grant recipient, fiscal agent, administrative entity (by majority vote of LEOs)
- Coastal Workforce Development Board (CWDB)

City of Savannah – Major Roles & Responsibilities

Chief Elected Official

Assumes all responsibilities and functions of the local grant sub-recipient.

Assumes **all** liability of WIOA grant funds allocated to the CWDB of Region XII.

Ensures the CWDB and sub-recipient maintains adequate coverage for Directors and Officer Liability Insurance; Bonding and General Liability.

Grant Recipient/Fiscal Agent

Assumes **all** financial risk and liability for Region 12.

Accountable for repayment of disallowed cost.

Conducts fiscal and program monitoring of service providers.

Accepts WIOA funding, approved CWDB subcontracts, contract amendments and other Region 12 contractual obligations.

Administrative Entity

WorkSource Coastal

Provides system oversight, contract management and reporting.

Develops, implements & modifies system policies and procedures.

Provides support and technical assistance to service providers.

Provides professional support to the CWDB and serves as liaison between the State, fiscal agent and regional stakeholders.

Additional Responsibilities:

In approximately 2012/2013: Savannah City Council became responsible for approving all Region 12 financial agreements, contracts and contract amendments approved by CWDB.

In 2017, the City's Information Technology Department became responsible for providing technology support for 9 of 10 counties.

The Coastal Regional Commission is a multi-county planning and development agency servicing more than 30 municipal and county governments.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

- In 2018, the Coastal Regional Commission (CRC) approached the Savannah City Manager expressing an interest in assuming City's role of Region 12 WIOA grant recipient, fiscal agent and administrative entity.
- The CRC has approached the Savannah City Manager this year with a renewed request to take on this role.
- The CRC is here today to share their interest with the Savannah City Council as well as inform this body about the Commission's functions and roles within the region.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

City of Savannah...

- The City of Savannah has served as grant recipient, fiscal agent, CEO and administrative entity for over 20 years.
- City roles and responsibilities impact the Mayor and Aldermen, City Manager's Office, Finance, Management & Budget, Purchasing, Human Services, WorkSource Coastal and IT.
- Today's agenda includes a resolution requesting City Council make a decision whether to continue or relinquish it's role, with six month's notice (effective 12/31/2019).
- The City can retain or relinquish its role with today's vote.

Coastal Regional Commission...

- The CRC's presentation is informational only.
- The City of Savannah cannot designate the CRC or another agency as a replacement entity,
- Selection of a replacement entity is a decision of the LEO Board.

IMPACT ON WORKSOURCE COASTAL STAFF


- Per Section XIII B – Administrative Entity of the Region XII Consortium Agreement, “The Administrative Entity [WSC] shall remain in place upon execution of agreement through transition from one Fiscal Agent to another.”
 - Safeguard was added to agreement to ensure continuity of grant administration
 - Impacts 14 WIOA funded positions
 - The Youth Build Grant is awarded to the City of Savannah and would remain a program of the City. (3 City positions)



COASTAL REGIONAL COMMISSION

Presentation to Savannah City Council

Allen Burns, Executive Director



RECAP/NEXT STEPS

■ RECAP

- The City of Savannah has served as fiscal agent and grant recipient of various workforce development grants on behalf of Region 12 for over 20 years.
- Relinquishing roles will not have a financial impact on existing workforce programs and efforts underway in Savannah.
- The Administrative Entity [WSC] shall remain in place upon execution of agreement through transition from one fiscal agent to another.

■ NEXT STEPS

- Resolution seeking direction to relinquish or continue the role of Region XII Grant Recipient, Fiscal Agent, Administrative Entity and CEO.
- LEO Board must vote and approve new Fiscal Agent
- Transition from one fiscal agent to another will occur at the beginning of the new grant period, 2020.