

<b>EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION ADVISORY SYSTEM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR Washington, D.C. 20210</b>	<b>CLASSIFICATION</b> Unemployment Insurance
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**ADVISORY: UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM LETTER NO. 23-21,  
Change 1**

**TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES**

**FROM: ANGELA HANKS /s/  
Acting Assistant Secretary**

**SUBJECT: Extension of Time to Submit Request for Funding under Grant Opportunity  
Announced in Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) No. 23-21**

1. **Purpose.** To advise states that the deadline for submitting a grant application to assist states in promoting equitable access to unemployment compensation (UC) programs is extended to November 30, 2021.
2. **Action Requested.** The U.S. Department of Labor’s (Department) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) requests that State Workforce Agency Administrators provide information contained in this UIPL to appropriate staff.
3. **Summary and Background.**
  - a. Summary – On August 17, 2021, the Department issued UIPL No. 23-21 advising states of the availability of funding for activities that promote equitable access to UC programs. In that UIPL, states were advised that grant applications should be submitted no later than October 18, 2021. The Department has determined that states may need additional time to submit such applications, and is extending the deadline to November 30, 2021.
  - b. Background – On March 11, 2021, the President signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) into law (Public Law (Pub. L.) 117-2). Section 9032, ARPA, creates a new Section 2118 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (Pub. L. 116-136) and provides a \$2,000,000,000 appropriation to the Secretary of Labor to detect and prevent fraud, to promote equitable access, and to ensure timely payment of benefits to eligible workers with respect to UC programs. *See* section 4.b. of UIPL No. 23-21 for allowable uses for such funds to promote equitable access to UC programs.
4. **Guidance.** Section 6.a. of UIPL No. 23-21 sets out the required actions that states must complete in applying for a grant under this offering. Section 2 of UIPL No. 23-21 provides that the deadline for submission of applications is October 18, 2021. The Department has determined that states may need additional time to review UIPL No. 23-21 and to develop an application in response to the solicitation. Therefore, the Department is extending the

<b>RESCISSIONS</b> None	<b>EXPIRATION DATE</b> Continuing
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deadline for submission of the grant applications to November 30, 2021. All other guidance and information in UIPL No. 23-21 remains the same.

5. **Inquiries.** Please direct inquiries to [COVID-19@dol.gov](mailto:COVID-19@dol.gov), with a copy to the appropriate ETA Regional Office.

6. **References.**

- American Rescue Plan Act, Pub L. 117-2, enacted March 11, 2021;
- CARES Act, Pub. L. 116-136, enacted March 23, 2020; and
- UIPL No. 23-21, *Grant Opportunity for Promoting Equitable Access to Unemployment Compensation (UC) Programs*, issued August 17, 2021, [https://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/corr\\_doc.cfm?DOCN=7400](https://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/corr_doc.cfm?DOCN=7400).

7. **Attachment(s).** None.