DATE: February 9, 2017

TO: LA’s Workforce Development System

FROM: Gerardo Ruvalcaba, Director
Workforce Development Division

SUBJECT: WDS DIRECTIVE NO. 17-11
FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)
TRAINING

EFFECTIVE DATE
This directive is effective upon date of issuance.

PURPOSE
The purpose of this directive is to notify the YouthSource Centers (YSC) of the requirement to attend an upcoming Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) training facilitated by the Cash for College Program.

BACKGROUND
Since 2001, the Cash for College Program has become one of the region’s largest financial aid awareness efforts, helping nearly 256,000 students and families navigate the college admissions process and apply for financial aid. The Cash for College Program organizes more than 150 FAFSA completion workshops each year.

The FAFSA determines most eligibility for student financial aid, including federal and state grants (federal Pell Grant and state Cal Grant awards), work-study aid, and loans. The deadline for the FAFSA is Thursday, March 2, 2017. Community college-bound students have an additional FAFSA deadline on September 2, 2017 to qualify for Cal Grant awards.

CASH FOR COLLEGE
FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID TRAINING
Friday, February 17, 2017
9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
City Hall East
Conference Room 351A
201 N. Los Angeles St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

This WIOA Title I financially assisted program or activity is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.
The completion of FAFSA and the California Dream Act application strongly influence postsecondary education enrollment and successful outcomes. According to the National College Access Network, approximately 90 percent of secondary education students who apply for the FAFSA go to college directly after graduation, compared to just 55 percent of those who do not apply.

Cash for College partner trainer, through the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, will facilitate the FAFSA training. The training will include instruction for individuals assisting students and their families to complete the actual FAFSA form.

Light refreshments and coffee will be served.

REQUIRED ACTION
Each YSC will identify at least one (1) staff member who will register for and attend the FAFSA training.

Free parking arrangements at Los Angeles City Hall will be available upon request. To register and request parking for the FAFSA training, please e-mail Ramon Covarrubias at ramon.covarrubias@lacity.org by Wednesday, February 15, 2017. Registrants will receive a follow-up confirmation of their attendance via email.

TRAINING CONTACT
For more information regarding the FAFSA training, please contact Ramon Covarrubias at ramon.covarrubias@lacity.org or at (213) 910-0263.

WDS CONTACT
For questions regarding this directive, please contact Brenda Anderson at brenda.anderson@lacity.org or at (213) 744-9076, TTY (213) 744-9095.

GR:BA
Attachment: FAFSA Training Flyer
Training on Student Financial Aid

Supporting our Students to Complete the

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

DATE & TIME:  Friday, February 17, 2017
               9 a.m.—10:30 a.m.

LOCATION:     City Hall East
              3rd Floor, Conference Room 351A
              201 N. Los Angeles St.,
              Los Angeles, CA 90012

REGISTRATION: To register, please contact Ramon Covarrubias:
                 ramon.covarrubias@lacity.org.

PARKING:      Free parking accommodations are available
               upon registration.

The City of Los Angeles cordially invites you to attend a free training on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). In partnership with the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, a Los Angeles Cash for College partner will facilitate the FAFSA training and include instructions for individuals assisting students and their families to complete the actual FAFSA form.

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