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Mr. M. L. Brooks
Executive Officer
State Board of Vocational Education
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My dear Mr. Brooks:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter of May 19, in which you ask the opinion of this office on the following question:

"May the State Funds certified as available for vocational rehabilitation be expended for the following purposes on a non-reimbursable basis?

1. Administration
2. Vocational Guidance and Placement Services
3. Case Services Purchased

The State Treasurer has certified that there will be available from State funds for expenditure by the Vocational Rehabilitation Division, State Board of Vocational Education for the period July 1, 1952 - June 30, 1953 the following:

<u>Source of Funds</u>	<u>Amount</u>
State Appropriation.	\$50,000.
Industrial Commission of Arizona Allocation.	5,000.
Donations	750.
Total	<u>\$55,750.00"</u>

It seems clear under Section 7, Chapter 56, House Bill 39, which becomes effective June 26, 1952, that the money out of the lump sum appropriation available July 1, 1952 for vocational rehabilitation services, may be taken for the purposes set out in your question, namely, for administration, vocational guidance and placement services and case services purchased. These expenditures would be non-reimbursable in our opinion.

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Said Section 7 provides that the state treasurer shall be the custodian of the federal moneys available and shall disburse such moneys, together with any state moneys available for vocational rehabilitation purposes in such manner as provided by law, and further provides:

"(b) The legislature shall annually appropriate to the division of vocational rehabilitation out of the general fund, such funds as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act."

Since the expenditure of funds for the three purposes hereinabove mentioned and contained in your question is necessary to carry out the purposes of this act, the authority is evident.

Sincerely yours,

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