

Mass Workforce Issuance

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Policy Information

To: Chief Elected Officials
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cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
Department of Career Services

Date: April 10, 2015

Subject: **Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor
YouthBuild Grant Opportunity**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce investment partners of the Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor YouthBuild Grant Opportunity.

Background: The Employment and Training Administration (ETA), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL or Department), announces the availability of approximately \$76 million in grant funds authorized by the YouthBuild provisions of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) (Pub. L. 113-128). It is the Department of Labor's intention to align this Announcement with pending WIOA regulations. Under this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) (formerly known as a Solicitation for Grant Applications), DOL will award grants through a competitive process to organizations to oversee the provision of education, occupational skills training, and employment services to disadvantaged youth in their communities while performing meaningful work and service to their communities. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2015, DOL hopes to serve approximately 4,950 participants during the grant period of performance, with approximately 76 projects awarded across the country. Individual grants will range from \$700,000 to \$1.1 million and require an exact 25 percent match from applicants, using sources other than federal funding. The grant period of performance for this FOA is 40 months, including a four-month planning period.

Eligible Applicants:

Eligible applicants for these grants are public or private non-profit agencies or organizations including rural, urban, or Native American agencies that have previously served disadvantaged youth in a YouthBuild or other similar program.

These agencies or organizations include, but are not limited to:

- A community-based organization;
- A faith-based organization;
- An entity carrying out activities under the WIOA, such as a local workforce development board;
- A community action agency;
- A state or local housing development agency;
- An Indian tribe or other agency primarily serving Native Americans, including those living on reservations;
- A community development corporation;
- A state or local youth service or conservation corps;
- Any other entity eligible to provide education or employment training under a federal program; or
- An entity in an area designated as a Promise Zone or member of a Promise Zone collaboration, if applicable. For more information on about Promise Zones go to: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/comm_planning/economicdevelopment/programs/pz

Grantees who received funding from the FY 2014 YouthBuild competition [SGA/DFA PY 13-04] are funded through December 2017 and these grantees (based on their unique Employer Identification Numbers) are not eligible to participate in this competition.

Closing Date for Applications:

The closing date for receipt of applications for the Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor YouthBuild Grant Opportunity is **June 5, 2015**. Applications must be received no later than 4:00:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

The full announcement of the Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor YouthBuild Grant Opportunity and the application package can be found here:

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=275699>