



# Workforce Issuance

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**To:** Chief Elected Officials  
MassHire Workforce Board Chairs  
MassHire Workforce Board Directors  
Title I Administrators  
MassHire Career Center Directors  
Title I Fiscal Officers  
MDCS Operations Managers

**cc:** WIOA State Partners

**From:** Alice Sweeney, Director  
MassHire Department of Career Services

**Date:** February 6, 2019

**Subject:** **YouthBuild Grants Awarded to Massachusetts**

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**Purpose:** To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators and other workforce partners of four YouthBuild awards granted to Massachusetts.

**Background:** YouthBuild is an education and training program with a strong pre-apprenticeship component that helps at-risk youth complete high school or state equivalency degree programs, earn industry-recognized credentials for in-demand occupations, and undergo training to build housing for low-income or homeless individuals and families in their communities.

This set of awards mark a significant expansion of the Construction Plus model of YouthBuild, which allows grantees to offer training in locally in-demand industries beyond the required construction training, such as healthcare, information technology, hospitality and retail services, and logistics.

This year’s grant awards include 65 programs that applied to offer Construction Plus training.

The grants announced range from approximately \$700,000 to \$1.1 million each and will fund 81 YouthBuild programs. The U.S. Department of Labor YouthBuild program has a network of more than 200 urban and rural YouthBuild programs in 46 states. Massachusetts was awarded the following:

Just-A-Start Corporation	Cambridge	\$1,100,000
North Shore Community Development Coalition	Salem	\$1,100,000
Old Colony Young Men’s Christian Association Inc.	Brockton	\$1,100,000
Training Resources of America	Worcester	\$1,064,317

**Action**

**Requested:** Please share with managers, staff and partners as appropriate.

**Effective:** Immediately

**Inquiries:** To find YouthBuild grantees, visit [www.doleta.gov/youth\\_services/youthbuild.cfm](http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/youthbuild.cfm).