

Mass Workforce Issuance

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Information

To: Chief Elected Officials
Workforce Development Board Chairs
Workforce Development Board Directors
Title I Administrators
Career Center Directors
Title I Fiscal Officers
DCS Operations Managers

cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
Department of Career Services

Date: May 8, 2018

Subject: **Adult ReEntry and Employment Strategic Planning Program – Funding Opportunity**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Development Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce development partners of a funding opportunity through the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance announced May 2nd through Grants.gov – BJA-2018-13633, BJA FY 18 Adult ReEntry and Employment Strategic Planning Program.

Background: Second Chance Act programs are designed to help communities develop and implement comprehensive and collaborative strategies that address the challenges posed by incarcerated adults re-entering their communities and the workforce, as well as recidivism reduction. Several years ago, BJA initiated a pilot project, the Integrated Reentry and Employment Strategies project that sought to test an innovative approach to reduce recidivism and increase job readiness for offenders returning from incarceration and to integrate best practices in reentry and employment. Building upon the pilot project, the FY 2018 Adult Reentry and Employment Strategic Planning Program will provide funding for strategic planning grants to replicate the framework developed in the pilot project.

Funding Opportunity Number: [BJA-2018-13633](https://www.grants.gov/grants/BJA-2018-13633)
Application Deadline: June 18, 2018

Expected Number of Awards: 6
Estimated Total Funding: \$1,200,000
Award Ceiling: \$200,000
Length of Project Period: 12 months
Eligible Applicants: Special district governments, For profit organizations other than small businesses, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, City or township governments, State governments, County governments, Small businesses, Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities, Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments), Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

Action

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