

MASSACHUSETTS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM

# Mass Workforce Issuance

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**To:** Chief Elected Officials  
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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:** **New Funding Opportunity - National Health Emergency Dislocated Worker Demonstration Grants to Address the Opioid Crisis - Call for Ideas**

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**Purpose:** The Department of Career Services is seeking input from local areas with regard to the National Health Emergency (NHE) Dislocated Worker Demonstration Grants to Address the Opioid Crisis as described in the Department of Labor (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) No. 12-17 released March 20, 2018.

**Background:** DOL/ETA is launching a two-phase, multi-year approach, utilizing grant funds to combat the economic and workforce impacts associated with the opioid health crisis, as well as encourage more individuals to enter professions that could address the crisis. The first phase is the demonstration project. DOL plans to conduct a second phase in Program Year 2018, pending availability of funds.

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| <b>Funding Opportunity:</b>       | <a href="#">TEGL-12-17</a>  |
| <b>Application Deadline:</b>      | July 31, 2018 – electronically via <a href="http://www.grants.gov">www.grants.gov</a> |
| <b>Award Range:</b>               | \$500,000 - \$5,000,000   |
| <b>Expected Number of Awards:</b> | 7 to 10   |
| <b>Period of Performance:</b>     | 24 months   |
| <b>Eligible Applicants:</b>       | State workforce agencies; outlying areas; and Indian tribal governments               |

**Eligible Participants:** Workers directly or indirectly affected by the opioid crisis or Workers seeking to enter professions that could help in addressing the opioid crisis and its cause

NHE demonstration grants will be awarded to eligible applicants that propose innovative approaches for addressing the economic and workforce-related impacts on communities affected by the opioid epidemic. Partnerships between the workforce system and other agencies will be central to these projects. **The goals of these grants are to:**

- Test innovative approaches to address the economic and workforce-related impacts of the opioid epidemic;
- Provide training and support activities to dislocated workers (including displaced homemakers), new entrants in the workforce, and incumbent workers, including individuals in these populations who are or have been impacted by the opioid crisis; and
- To provide training that builds the skilled workforce in professions that could impact the causes and treatment of the opioid crisis, including addiction and substance-abuse treatment, mental health, and pain management.

**Action**

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

Please review TEGL 12-17 in its entirety. If your local area is interested in submitting a project idea for consideration, please develop a **2 – 3 page summary** of the proposed project *using the attached template*.

EOLWD, DCS and Partners will review and consider all submissions with the goal of configuring 1 – 3 local proposed project ideas into an application for the MA Opioid Demonstration project.

Please to submit ideas for this funding opportunity to Leslie Seifried at [Leslie.Seifried@MassMail.State.MA.US](mailto:Leslie.Seifried@MassMail.State.MA.US) by close of business **May 16, 2018**. Please note: late submissions will not be reviewed.

**Attachment:** A. Proposal Template