

MASSACHUSETTS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM

Mass Workforce Issuance

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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: June 13, 2018

Subject: **GEAR UP Funding Opportunities - Department of Education**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Development Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce development partners of two funding opportunities through the Department of Education (DOE) – GEAR UP (States) and GEAR UP (Eligible Partnerships) as announced through the Federal Register and Grants.gov on June 7, 2018.

Background: The GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) program is a discretionary grant program that encourages eligible entities to provide support, and maintain a commitment to eligible low-income students, including students with disabilities, to assist the students in obtaining a secondary school diploma (or its recognized equivalent) and to prepare for and succeed in postsecondary education.

Funding Opportunity Number:	ED-GRANTS-060718-001 (States)
Application Deadline:	July 13, 2018
Expected Number of Awards:	18
Estimated Total Funding:	\$54,833,000
Award Ceiling:	\$2,500,000 - \$3,500,000
Length of Project Period:	Either 72 or 84 months
Eligible Applicants:	States without an active GEAR UP grant

And

Funding Opportunity Number:	<u>ED-GRANTS-060718-002 (Eligible Partnerships)</u>
Application Deadline:	July 13, 2018
Expected Number of Awards:	54
Estimated Total Funding:	\$64,833,000
Award Range:	\$100,000 - 7,000,000
Average Award:	\$1,200,000
Length of Project Period:	Either 72 or 84 months
Eligible Applicants:	Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, State governments, Private institutions of higher education – see FOA for complete list

Action

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