



Workforce Issuance

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Policy Information

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: July 29, 2019

Subject: **RESTORE – Re-Employment Support & Training for the Opioid Related Epidemic Funding Announcement**

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators, and other workforce partners about a funding opportunity announced through the US Department of Labor (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) Women’s Bureau for Re-Employment Support & Training for the Opioid Related Epidemic (RESTORE).

Background: This program is to address the employment needs of women who have been directly or indirectly affected by opioid abuse and addiction through coordinated, employment-focused services to train and employ women workers. Over the course of the last two decades, opioid addiction in the US has become a crisis of epic proportions.

The primary objective is to establish cooperative relationships among service providers and key stakeholders from community-based and nonprofit organizations, state and federal workforce development systems, public health and substance abuse treatment professionals, and other human services and support service entities, in order to train and employ women workers who have been affected by the opioid crisis.

The applicant should be well versed in administering programs connected with the public workforce system. In addition, the applicant must demonstrate how it will take a robust response to this urgent epidemic and establish a program that will allow it to quickly address the challenges faced by the most disadvantaged women. Applicants should also have experience serving disadvantaged communities and a history of success in changing women's lives.

Funding Opportunity Number:	FOA-WB-19-02
Application Deadline:	August 23, 2019
Expected Number of Awards:	4 - 8
Estimated Total Funding:	\$2,300,000
Award Range:	\$250,000 - \$500,000
Period of Performance:	30 Months
Eligible Applicants:	Governments of States & Outlying Areas, Nonprofit with IRS 501(c)(3) Status, including CBOs/Faith-Based Organizations, Indian/Native American Tribal Governments (Federally Recognized and Other), Indian/ Native American Tribally Designated Organizations, State and Local Workforce Boards

Action

Requested: Please share as appropriate. The FOA and a template listing the required elements are provided as attachments should you move forward with an application.

Attachments: A: Application Template – Required Proposal Elements
B: FOA-WB-19-02 – RESTORE Grant Program