



DEPARTMENT OF
CAREER SERVICES

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: September 10, 2019

Subject: **Bridges to College Program – FY20**

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards and MassHire Career Center Operators and other workforce partners that the legislature has once again funded the Department of Higher Education (DHE) [Bridges to College](#) (BTC) grant program in the FY20 budget.

Background: Grant funds shall be awarded competitively to adult basic education providers, including but not limited to local agencies, community-based organizations, community colleges, and correctional facilities. Candidate organizations must have demonstrated success in bridging academic gaps of underserved populations resulting in college entrance, retention and completion, aligned with student workforce and career interests.

The total funding available to be awarded through this competitive grant program is \$250,000. The DHE anticipates awarding up to five grants in the range of \$50,000 to \$100,000, reflecting the program design, the number of people served and planned outcomes.

Campuses and partnering community-based organizations are invited and encouraged to review the request for proposal guidelines posted on CommBuys, Document #: **BD-20-10880RGT01-RGT01-42622**, and on the DHE website <http://www.mass.edu/about/rfp.asp>. Proposals are due no later than October 10, 2019 (Noon).

Action

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

Inquiries: For questions regarding the Bridges to College program, please contact David Cedrone, Associate Commissioner Workforce Development (dcedrone@dhe.mass.edu or (617) 994-6904).