



# 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:** October 29, 2019

**Subject:** **Job Corps Experimental Projects and Technical Assistance – Funding Opportunity**

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**Purpose:** To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators and other local workforce partners of a funding opportunity for Job Corps Experimental Projects and Technical Assistance announced October 23, 2019 through [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

**Background:** The DOL/ETA Job Corps Scholars Program announced the availability of \$23,738,000 in grant funding. Under this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), DOL will competitively award grants to accredited, two-year, public community colleges; accredited, public two- and four-year historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs); and accredited tribally controlled colleges and universities (TCCUs) as part of a “Job Corps Scholars Program” demonstration project. Grantees must enroll Job Corps eligible youth and provide those enrolled with intensive counseling services to support and facilitate each student’s employment and career success.

By 2020, if the job training crisis in the U.S. goes unchecked, it is estimated that there will be 55 million job vacancies. This, in combination with the existing skills gap and changing population demographics, creates an opportunity for Job Corps to explore new and innovative ways to deliver education and career training that creates a pipeline of talent. The Job Corps Scholars Program, conducted as a demonstration grant program, allows Job Corps to explore how it may execute its mission in a manner that decreases the government’s cost and increases program outcomes. The Job Corps Scholars Program will rely on accredited, two-year, public community colleges; accredited, public, two- and four-year HBCUs (historically Black colleges and universities); and accredited, two- and four-year TCCUs (tribal colleges and universities), to accomplish the following:

- Provide career technical training to at-risk, Job Corps eligible youth;
- Deliver intensive, individualized personal and employment counseling to Job Corps eligible students that improves student performance and employment outcomes;
- Deliver a one-year certification program aimed at increasing the employment prospects for Job Corps eligible students, including increasing access to apprenticeship programs;
- Provide opportunities for Job Corps eligible students to earn transferable academic credit hours. These hours may be earned as a part of the technical skills training certification coursework; and
- Monitor student and program performance.

<b>Funding Opportunity Number:</b>	FOA-ETA-20-03
<b>Application Deadline:</b>	January 8, 2020 by 4:00 PM Eastern Time
<b>Expected Number of Awards:</b>	20
<b>Total Funding:</b>	\$23,738,000
<b>Award Ceiling:</b>	\$1,186,900
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Please see FOA page 16 for a complete list
<b>Period of Performance:</b>	39 Months

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

**Attachment:** FOA-ETA-20-03 – Job Corps Experimental Projects and Technical Assistance