



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: February 27, 2020

Subject: **Bureau of Justice Assistance Funding Opportunities Announced**

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators and other local workforce partners of two funding opportunities announced through the Bureau of Justice Assistance, on February 26, 2020 through [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

Background: The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) helps to make American communities safer by strengthening the nation's criminal justice system: Its grants, training and technical assistance, and policy development services provide state, local, and tribal governments with the cutting edge tools and best practices they need to reduce violent and drug-related crime, support law enforcement, and combat victimization.

Both opportunities are under the Second Chance Act Reentry Initiative. The Second Chance Act (SCA) Programs are designed to help communities develop

and implement comprehensive and collaborative strategies that address the challenges posed by offender reentry and recidivism reduction.

SCA is a commonsense response to the increasing number of people who are released from prison and jail and returning to communities. There are currently 2.5 million people serving time in our federal and state prisons, and millions of people cycling through local jails every year. Ninety-five percent of all prisoners incarcerated today will eventually be released and will return to communities. Of those serving a sentence in state or federal prisons, approximately 750,000 will be released each year. The Second Chance Act will help ensure the transition people make from prison or jail to the community is safe and successful. ([CFDA 16.812](#)):

Improving Reentry for Adults with Substance Use Disorders

Funding Opportunity Number:	BJA-2020-17106
Application Deadline:	April 27, 2020
Expected Number of Awards:	14
Estimated Total Funding:	\$13,250,000
Award Ceiling:	\$900,000
Eligible Applicants:	State/City/County/Town/Special district governments, Nonprofits w/501(c)(3) status, Native American tribal govts – see FOA for complete list

And

Second Chance Act Training and Technical Assistance Program

Funding Opportunity Number:	BJA-2020-17240
Application Deadline:	April 28, 2020
Expected Number of Awards:	3
Estimated Total Funding:	\$6,500,000
Award Ceiling:	\$3,000,000
Eligible Applicants:	Nonprofits w/501(c)(3) status, For profit organizations, Private/Public/State Higher Ed, Native American tribal govts – see FOA for complete list

Action

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