



Workforce Issuance

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To: Chief Elected Officials
MassHire Workforce Board Chairs
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MassHire Career Center Directors
MassHire Fiscal Officers
MassHire DCS Operations Managers

cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
MassHire Department of Career Services

Date: May 18, 2020

Subject: **Commonwealth Corporation - Updated Notice of Sector-Based Funding Opportunities and Additional CommCorp Information and Links**

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators, and other local workforce partners of updates to Commonwealth Corporation sector-based funding opportunities and additional CommCorp information and links.

Background: In February, 2020 Commonwealth Corporation shared a preview of funding opportunities through the Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund (WCTF) and the Learn to Earn initiative (LTE). Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, an extension has been issued for the first Request for Proposals (RFP) released (due 5/11) and postponed all future releases.

A revised timeline has been developed that reflects current realities while aiming to support ongoing program development and implementation as conditions improve across Massachusetts communities.

An equal opportunity employer/program.

Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

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Additional detail such as the specific target occupations and eligible applicants for each funding opportunity can be found [HERE](#).

Significant Changes:

- The anticipated release dates and procurement windows have been pushed back and extended.
- The parameters of the Healthcare Workforce Hubs RFP have been adjusted to prioritize upfront planning activities with potential for program implementation funds based on regional needs.
- The list of eligible target occupations has been expanded for most funding opportunities.
- It is understood that proposed training timelines may shift after proposal submission and will make allowances for capacity building work that becomes necessary (e.g. online training).

Released in February:

FY20 Senator Kenneth J. Donnelly Workforce Success Grants for Training and Placement/Training and Advancement Programs RFP

May Target Release Date:

- FY20 Senator Kenneth J. Donnelly Workforce Success Grants for Healthcare Workforce Hubs RFP
- 2020-2021 WCTF Program Expansion Grants RFP

June Target Release Date:

- FY20 Learn to Earn Initiative for Training and Placement Pilot Programs [Request for Qualifications (RFQ)]
- FY20 Senator Kenneth J. Donnelly Workforce Success Grants for ESOL-Enhanced Training and Placement Programs RFQ

The 2019 WCTF Annual Report to the Legislature can be accessed on the CommCorp website at: <http://commcorp.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/WCTF-Annual-Report-2019.pdf>

Please see the following links for additional CommCorp information:

- We're hiring! Open positions can be found here:
http://commcorp.org/about-us/overview/#careers_anchor

- We're seeking proposals! Recently posted funding opportunities: <http://commcorp.org/available-funding/>
- Updated COVID-19 Resource Guide: <http://commcorp.org/resources/coronavirus-covid-19-resources-and-info-document/>
- Recruitment for long-term care facilities: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massworkforce-wioa-covid-19-information-issuances>

Action

Requested: Please share this issuance with all appropriate staff and partners

Effective: Immediately