



DEPARTMENT OF  
CAREER SERVICES

# Workforce Issuance

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

**cc:** WIOA State Partners

**From:** Alice Sweeney, Director  
MassHire Department of Career Services

**Date:** December 16, 2020

**Subject:** **YouthBuild Funding Opportunity**

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**Purpose:** To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators and other local workforce partners that The Employment and Training Administration (ETA), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), announces the availability of approximately \$89 million in grant funds authorized by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) (Pub. L. 113-128) for YouthBuild.

**Background:** Under this Funding Opportunity Announcement, DOL will award grants through a competitive process to organizations providing pre-apprenticeship services that support education, occupational skills training and employment services to at-risk youth, ages 16 to 24, while performing meaningful work and service to their communities. In addition to construction skills training, YouthBuild applicants may include occupational skills training in other in-demand industries, including through registered and industry-recognized apprenticeship programs. This expansion into additional in-demand industries is the Construction Plus component, a priority in this grant competition.

<b>Funding Opportunity Number:</b>	<a href="#">FOA-ETA-21-04</a>
<b>Application Deadline:</b>	February 9, 2021
<b>Estimated Total Funding:</b>	\$89,000,000
<b>Anticipated # of Awards:</b>	75
<b>Anticipated \$ of Awards:</b>	\$700,000 - \$1,500,000
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Public and private non-profits
<b>Period of Performance:</b>	40 months

**Action**

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

**Effective:** Immediately.