



Workforce Issuance

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Policy Information

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: January 28, 2021

Subject: **FY21 Bridges to College Grant Program**

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators and other local workforce partners of the Department of Higher Education (DHE) funding opportunity "Bridges to College (BTC)".

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, number of people served and planned outcomes.

Action

Required: Campuses and partnering community-based organizations are invited and encouraged to review the request for proposal guidelines posted on CommBuys, Document #: **BD-21-1088-RGT01-RGT01-57311**, and on the DHE website <http://www.mass.edu/about/rfp.asp>. Proposals are due no later than March 1, 2021 (Noon).

Effective: Immediately

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Attachment: Instructions and Guidance