



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: April 30, 2021

Subject: **Funding Opportunity – GEAR UP for Undergraduate Programs Assistance Living**

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators, and other local workforce partners of a funding opportunity through the Office of Post-Secondary Education, Higher Education Programs, Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) Assistance Living.

Background: The GEAR UP program is a discretionary grant program that encourages eligible entities to provide support, and maintain a commitment, to eligible low-income students, including students with disabilities, to assist the students in obtaining a secondary school diploma (or its recognized equivalent) and to prepare for and succeed in postsecondary education. Under the GEAR UP program, the Department awards grants to two types of entities: (1) States and (2) partnerships consisting of at least one institution of higher education (IHE) and at least one local educational agency (LEA).

Funding Opportunity Number: ED-Grants-042921-001
Application Deadline: June 28, 2021
Estimated Total Funding: \$35,617,582
Award Floor/Ceiling: \$100,000 – 5,000,000
Estimated Awards Granted: 28

Period of Performance:

72 – 84 months

Eligible Applicants:

Partnerships consisting of (a) at least one LEA and (b) at least one degree granting IHE. See FOA for details

Action

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

Effective: Immediately.

Attachments: FOA ED-Grants-042921-001