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To: Chief Elected Officials
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cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Diane Hurley, Acting Director
MassHire Department of Career Services

Date: February 7, 2023

Subject: **Call for Ideas: National Health Emergency Dislocated Worker Demonstration Grants to Address the Opioid Crisis**

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators and other local workforce partners that the MassHire Department of Career Services is seeking a “Call for Ideas” regarding the National Health Emergency (NHE) Dislocated Worker Demonstration Grants to Address the Opioid Crisis funding opportunity as described in the Department of Labor (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) [TEGL-4-18](#) *National Health Emergency Phase Two: Disaster Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grants to Address the Opioid Crisis*.

Background: DOL/ETA is launching a two-phase, multi-year approach, utilizing grant funds to combat the economic and workforce impacts associated with the opioid health crisis, as well as encourage more individuals to enter professions that could address the crisis. The first phase has proven successful. DOL plans to conduct a second phase in Program Years 2023 and 2024, pending availability of funds.

Funding Opportunity: [TEGL – 4-18](#)

An equal opportunity employer/program.

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

TDD/TTY 1-800-439-2370 - Voice 1-800-439-0183

Application Deadline:	January 11, 2024
Award Range:	\$500,000 - \$5,000,000
Expected Number of Awards:	7 to 10
Period of Performance:	24 months
Eligible Applicants:	State workforce agencies; outlying areas; and Indian tribal governments
Eligible Participants:	Workers directly or indirectly affected by the opioid crisis or Workers seeking to enter professions that could help in addressing the opioid crisis and its cause

NHE grants will be awarded to eligible applicants that propose innovative approaches for addressing the economic and workforce-related impacts on communities affected by the opioid epidemic. Partnerships between the workforce system and other agencies will be central to these projects. **The goals of these grants are to:**

- Test innovative approaches to address the economic and workforce-related impacts of the opioid epidemic,
- Provide training and support activities to dislocated workers (including displaced homemakers), new entrants in the workforce, and incumbent workers, including individuals in these populations who are or have been impacted by the opioid crisis,
- To provide training that builds the skilled workforce in professions that could impact the causes and treatment of the opioid crisis, including addiction and substance-abuse treatment, mental health, and pain management.

Action

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

Please review [TEGL-4-18](#) in its entirety. If your local area is interested in submitting a project idea for consideration, please develop a 2 - 3 page summary of the proposed project using the attached template.

EOLWD, MDCS and Partners will review and consider all submissions with the goal of configuring 1 - 3 local proposed project ideas into an application for the MA Opioid Demonstration project.

Please submit ideas for this funding opportunity to Leslie.Seifried@Mass.gov by close of business March 27, 2023.

Please note, late submissions will not be reviewed.

Attachments: A: Call For Ideas Template

B: Phase I: Synopsis of Results from Massachusetts' National Health Emergency
Dislocated Workforce Demonstration Grant to Address the Opioid Crisis