



# 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:** Diane Hurley, Acting Director  
MassHire Department of Career Services

**Date:** April 20, 2023

**Subject:** **Funding Opportunity – Rural Postsecondary & Economic Development**

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**Purpose:** To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators and other workforce partners of a funding opportunity announcement made through the U.S Department of Education (DOE), Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE) – ED-GRANTS-041823-003, (Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE): Higher Education Programs (HEP): Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE): Rural Postsecondary and Economic Development (RPED) Grant Program, Assistance Listing Number 84.116W) on Grants.gov.

**Background:** The purpose of the RPED Grant Program is to improve rates of postsecondary enrollment, persistence, and completion among rural students through development of career pathways aligned to high-skill, high-wage, and in-demand industry sectors and occupations in the region. See the FOA for complete details.

<b>Funding Opportunity Number:</b>	ED-GRANTS-041823-003
<b>Application Deadline:</b>	June 20, 2023
<b>Estimated Total Funding:</b>	\$44,550,000
<b>Award Ceiling:</b>	\$2,227,500
<b>Estimated Awards Granted:</b>	23
<b>Period of Performance:</b>	48 Months
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	IHEs (as defined in section 101 of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1001)) that are public or private nonprofit IHEs, and public and private nonprofit organizations and agencies that partner with IHEs.

**Action**

**Requested:** Please share this issuance with all appropriate managers, staff and partners.