



# 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:** August 18, 2023

**Subject:** **Funding Opportunity – Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grants**

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**Purpose:** To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators and other workforce partners of a funding opportunity announced August 17, 2023 on Grants.gov through Department of Labor (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) – Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grant (FOA-ETA-23-15).

**Background:** The DOL ETA announces the availability of approximately \$65,000,000 in grant funds authorized by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Section 169(c), for the fourth round of the Strengthening Community Colleges (SCC4) Training Grants program. The purpose of this grant program is to build community colleges' capacity to meet the skill development needs of employers and equitably support students in obtaining good jobs in in-demand industries. Grantees will enhance sector-based career pathways programs using strategies rooted in evidence and designed to build further evidence on the effectiveness

of sector-based career pathways programs in leading to positive employment outcomes. Successful applicants will use the diverse strengths of their SCC Partnership members to accomplish and sustain systems change. DOL anticipates that enhancements funded by this grant program will ultimately benefit a broad range of current and future students at participating institutions, including dislocated workers, employed workers, and new entrants to the workforce. Participants are defined as the students enrolled in a career pathways program that is being enhanced using SCC4 Program Grant funds.

<b>Funding Opportunity Number:</b>	<a href="#">FOA-ETA-23-15</a>
<b>Application Deadline:</b>	November 14, 2023
<b>Estimated Total Funding:</b>	\$65,000,000
<b>Expected Award:</b>	\$1,500,000 - \$5,750,000
<b>Estimated Awards Granted:</b>	17
<b>Period of Performance:</b>	48 months
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Community College or consortium of 2 or more colleges (see FOA for complete details)

**Action**

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