



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
MassHire DCS Operations Managers

cc: WIOA State Partners

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

Date: January 19, 2024

Subject: **Forecasted Funding Opportunities / Justice-Involved and Reentry Populations**

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators, and other local workforce development partners of two forecasted funding opportunities through the Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration. Please note both opportunities are still in development and are anticipated to be officially posted January 26, 2024.

Background: Two forecasted funding opportunities involving justice-involved and reentry populations have been announced:

FOA-ETA-24-06

Growth Opportunities Rounds 4 and 5

Number of Awards:	28
Estimated Total Funding:	\$85,000,000
Award Ceiling:	\$5,100,000
Award Floor:	\$1,000,000
Eligible Applicants:	Native American tribal organizations, Independent school districts, Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher ed, Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other

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than institutions of higher ed, County governments
City or township governments, Special district
governments.

The purpose of this program is to introduce and prepare justice-involved youth and young adults for the world of work and put them on a path to more equitable career opportunities, through placement into paid work experiences. In addition to paid work experiences, the program encompasses occupational education and training in in-demand industries, leadership development, a mentorship component, and placement into unsubsidized employment and/or education. Questions regarding this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Forecast may be emailed to GO_FOA-ETA-24-06@dol.gov.

FOA-ETA-24-05

Pathway Home 5

Number of Awards:	20
Estimated Total Funding:	\$52,000,000
Award Ceiling:	\$4,000,000
Award Floor:	\$1,000,000
Eligible Applicants:	City or township governments, Native American tribal governments, Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher ed, State and County governments, Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher ed.

The purpose of this program is to provide eligible incarcerated individuals in men's and women's state correctional facilities or local or county jails with workforce services prior to release and to continue services after release by transitioning the participants into reentry programs in the communities to which they will return. By providing for reentry services to begin while participants are still incarcerated and to continue post-release, these projects are designed to eliminate the time gap between release from prison and enrollment into a workforce development reentry program leading to skills-based employment, to improve individuals' transition back into their communities, and to reduce recidivism. Questions regarding this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Forecast may be emailed to PH5_FOA-ETA-24-05@dol.gov.

Action

Requested: Please share with staff and partners as appropriate.

Effective: Immediately