



Workforce Issuance

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To: 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: May 15, 2024

Subject: **Funding Opportunity – National Farmworker Jobs Program Grants for Housing Services**

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators and other workforce partners of a funding opportunity announced by the Department of Labor (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) for the National Farmworker Jobs Program (NFJP).

Background: The DOL/ETA announces the availability of approximately \$6,500,000 in grant funds authorized by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Section 167 for the NFJP, Housing Services.

The NFJP model aims to connect eligible migrant and seasonal farmworkers and their dependents to permanent housing that is owner-occupied, or occupied on a permanent, year-round basis (notwithstanding ownership). The permanent housing must be the person's primary residence to which they return at the end of the work or training day. Additionally, the NFJP model aims to provide temporary housing that is not owner-occupied to eligible

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migrant and seasonal farmworkers whose employment requires occasional travel outside their normal commuting area. The Department will award at least 70 percent of the funds for permanent housing.

FOA: [DOL-FOA-ETA-24-18](#)
Funding Available: \$6,500,000
Anticipated Awards: 8
Award ceiling: \$1,500,000 / Award Floor - \$500,000
Deadline: June 28, 2024
Period of Performance: 51 Months / July 1,2024 – September 30, 2028

Eligible Applicants: Per section 167(b) of WIOA and 20 CFR 685.200, to be eligible to receive an NFJP grant, an entity must have: 1) an understanding of the problems of eligible migrant and seasonal farmworkers, including their dependents; 2) a familiarity with the agricultural industries and the labor market needs of the proposed service area; and 3) the ability to demonstrate a capacity to administer and deliver effectively a diversified program of workforce investment activities, including youth workforce investment activities, and related assistance for eligible migrant and seasonal farmworkers. See the FOA for complete details.

Action

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

Attachment: [FOA-ETA-24-18 / National Farmworker Jobs Program Grants for Housing Services](#)