



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 16, 2024

Subject: **Funding Opportunity - Workforce Pathways for Youth - Rounds 4 and 5**

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 Workforce Pathways for Youth: Rounds 4 and 5 ([FOA-ETA-24-07](#)).

Background: The DOL/ETA announces the availability of approximately \$40,000,000 in grant funds authorized by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Section 17.280 WIOA Dislocated Worker National Reserve Demonstration Grants.

The Workforce Pathways for Youth demonstration grants support national out-of-school time (OST) organizations that serve historically underserved and marginalized youth ages 14 to 21. These grants will place an emphasis on age-appropriate workforce readiness programming to expand job training and workforce pathways for youth, including soft skill development, career exploration, job readiness and certification, and work-based learning

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opportunities and other work experiences, such as summer jobs, year-round job opportunities, and pre-apprenticeships and Registered Apprenticeships. Funding will also support partnerships between workforce development boards and youth-serving OST organizations to scale up a coordinated and systemic approach to work and learning opportunities for youth across the country.

Funding Opportunity Number:	FOA-ETA-24-07
Funding Available:	\$40,000,000
Award ceiling:	\$3,300,000
Deadline:	July 15, 2024
Estimated Awards Granted:	14
Period of Performance:	36 months - anticipated start date 9/1/24

Eligible Applicants: The applicant must be a national OST non-profit (501(c)(3)) organization, other than an institution of higher education, that proposes to serve youth that have been historically underserved and marginalized. This includes Black, Latino, and Indigenous persons, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and other persons of color; members of religious minorities; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) persons; persons with disabilities; and persons otherwise adversely affected by persistent poverty or inequality; in addition to youth with barriers to employment including, but not limited to, foster youth, parenting youth, homeless youth, and youth who are justice impacted.

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement, a national organization is defined as an organization that has affiliates operating in at least three states. An OST organization is a non-profit that operates a supervised program that young people regularly attend when school is not in session.

Action

Requested: Please share this information with local community-based organizations that are engaged in serving historically underserved or marginalized youth.

Effective: Immediately

Attachment: [FOA-ETA-24-07 Workforce Pathways for Youth - Rounds 4 and 5](#)