



# 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 22, 2024

**Subject:** **FUNDING OPPORTUNITY CALL FOR IDEAS: BJA FY24 Second Chance Act  
Improving Reentry Education and Employment Outcomes**

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**Purpose:** To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators and other local workforce partners that MassHire Department of Career Services is seeking ideas regarding the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) FY24 Second Chance Act Improving Reentry Education and Employment Outcomes funding opportunity.

**Background:** With this solicitation, the Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks to fund reentry services and programs focused on strengthening education and employment outcomes for individuals returning to their communities after a period of incarceration.

Please note, there are two funding categories for this solicitation:

Category 1: Improving Reentry Education Outcomes

Category 2: Improving Reentry Employment Outcomes

An equal opportunity employer/program.

Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

TDD/TTY 1-800-439-2370 - Voice 1-800-439-0183

An applicant may submit more than one application if each application proposes a different project in response to the solicitation.

The purpose of this program is to support fair chance opportunities to improve education and employment outcomes for individuals currently incarcerated with 2 years or less before release into the community. For this solicitation, fair chance opportunities refer to reentry services and programs designed to increase access to in-demand jobs and meaningful careers for justice-impacted people upon and following their release from incarceration. Program contents may be education or employment focused.

<b>Funding Opportunity Number:</b>	O-BJA-2024-172135
<b>Application Deadline:</b>	July 11, 2024
<b>Estimated Total Funding:</b>	\$19,800,000
<b>Award Range:</b>	Up to \$900,000
<b>Anticipated Number of Awards:</b>	22
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	State governments, Special district Governments, City or township governments, County governments, Native American tribal governments (federally recognized), Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher ed, Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education.

**Action**

**Requested:** If your local area is interested in submitting a project for consideration, please review funding opportunity [O-BJA-2024-172135](#) in its entirety, and develop a 2-3 page summary of the proposed project using the attached template.

Proposed projects are to be sent to: Gregory Jackson at [Gregory.Jackson@mass.gov](mailto:Gregory.Jackson@mass.gov), and Jack Rhatigan at [John.rhatigan@mass.gov](mailto:John.rhatigan@mass.gov), by close of business Thursday, May 30, 2024.

Please share with managers, staff, and partners as appropriate.

**Effective:** Immediately

**Attachment:** Call for Ideas Template