



Workforce Issuance

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To: 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 20, 2024

Subject: **Funding Opportunity - Growth Opportunities Rounds 4 & 5 (Reentry Employment Opportunities)**

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators and other workforce partners of a funding opportunity through The Department of Labor (DOL) and the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) announcing the availability of approximately \$40,000,000 in grant funds authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Pub. L. 117-103) for ex-offender activities.

Background: [This Funding Opportunity Announcement](#) solicits applications for the Growth Opportunities - Rounds 4 and 5:

Funding Opportunity:	FOA-ETA-24-06
Total Funding Available:	\$40,000,000 - \$85,000,000
Award Ceiling:	\$5,100,000
Award Floor:	\$1,000,000

Anticipated Number of Awards:	28
Applications Due:	October 15, 2024
Eligible Applicants:	Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher ed, Independent school districts, Native American tribal governments, Special district governments, City/Town/County governments

The purpose of this program is to introduce and prepare justice-involved youth and young adults for the world of work, and on a path to 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 post-work experience placement into unsubsidized employment and/or education. These grants focus on youth and young adults most impacted by community violence to advance equity, particularly in areas of concentrated crime and poverty as well as communities that have recently experienced significant unrest. This program contributes to the Department's Youth Employment Works strategy that sets a clear vision to support youth and young adult employment and workforce development. This program aligns with preventative measures that are proven to reduce violent crime and support public safety and community well-being. The goals of the grant are to:

- Help youth and young adults to increase their conflict resolution skills and develop strategies to prevent and avoid violence.
- Introduce and prepare youth for the world of work.
- Help youth identify career interests, attain relevant skills and gain work experience.
- Provide income to youth, to start them on the path of earning living wages and obtaining high quality jobs and careers.

Questions regarding this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) may be emailed to GO_FOA-ETA-24-06@dol.gov. Prospective applicants and interested parties are encouraged to use the [Grants.gov](https://www.dhs.gov/grants) subscription option to register for future updates provided for this particular FOA.

Action

Required: Please share with managers, staff, partners as appropriate.

Effective: Immediately

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