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Annual Report for 2017 Fiscal Year

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AGENCY OVERVIEW

Commonwealth Corporation administers the Workforce Training Fund, the Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund, and YouthWorks. CommCorp is also the lead partner in a collaboration to provide education and re-entry services to youth who are clients in the Department of Youth Services and provides technical assistance and capacity building activities for a number of state workforce initiatives. For more information, please refer to www.commcorp.org. This year CommCorp has also been asked to support the Secretariats of Labor and Workforce Development, Education, Health and Human Services and Housing and Economic Development in designing and administering the Learn to Earn grant program, leveraging the Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund regional industry sector partnership model and adding cohort-based coaching, family-focused supports and benefits counseling.

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Our primary goals relevant to this plan are as follows:

- Support regional industry sector partnerships that bring together business, education and workforce partners to prepare unemployed and underemployed workers for high demand jobs.
- Provide low-income teens and young adults with work experience and work readiness training that prepares them to find and retain private sector jobs.
- Support businesses in strengthening their competitiveness by investing in the skills of their incumbent workers.

Mission

Commonwealth Corporation strengthens the skills of Massachusetts youth and adults by investing in innovative partnerships with industry, education and workforce organizations. We seek to meet the immediate and emerging needs of businesses and workers so they can thrive in our dynamic economy.

Annual Budget

\$55.16 million

FY2017 REPORT DETAILS

Goal: Support regional industry sector partnerships that bring together business, education and workforce partners to prepare unemployed and underemployed workers for high demand jobs.

| Strategy | Measurement(s) | Outcome(s) |
|--|---|--|
| Provide grants and technical assistance to sector partnerships to prepare unemployed and underemployed workers for jobs in demand. | Over a two-year grant period: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # trained # employed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WCTF FY16 Appropriation Program Grantees (sector partnerships) collectively enrolled 300 participants through the end of FY17. Of those, 218 had completed training and 140 had been placed in employment. (NOTE: these are multi-year grants; training and placement activities are still underway and will be completed at the end of FY18.) |

Goal: Provide low-income teens and young adults with work experience and work readiness training that prepares them to find and retain private sector jobs.

| Strategy | Measurement(s) | Outcome(s) |
|--|--|--|
| Through YouthWorks, low-income teens and young adults participate in 125 hours of work experience and 15 hours of work readiness training. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # teens and young adults who completed work experience and work readiness training | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the summer of 2016, 4,658 youth/ young adults successfully completed employment opportunities in more than 31 cities and towns. |

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|---------------------------------|---|---|
| Provide grants to businesses to | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # businesses receiving grants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In FY17 awarded 178 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| train their incumbent workforce to address business need/s. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # workers trained and jobs created for grants that are completed in FY 17 | <p>General Program Training Grants involving 206 businesses. (Note: this includes 9 consortium grants involving 36 businesses.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In FY17 awarded 512 Express Program Training Grants to 388 businesses. 125 General Program Training Grants completed in FY17. The grantees reported 9,169 workers trained and 1,591 net new jobs (full-time equivalent). |
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1. The agency's:

i. Receipts and expenditures during the agency's fiscal year

Total operating revenues: \$55,083,872
Total operating expenses: \$55,158,871

ii. Assets and liabilities at the end of the agency's fiscal

Total assets: \$36,729,946
Total current liabilities: \$36,061,801

2. Audited financial reports of the agency

See attached PDF file

3. The number, nature and amounts of investments made and grants awarded by the agency

| | (1) | (2) | (1-2) |
|--|--------------|-------------|----------------|
| <u>Fund Description</u> | <u>FY17</u> | <u>FY16</u> | <u>\$ Var.</u> |
| Workforce Competitive Trust Fund (WCTF) | \$ 1,298,106 | \$ 279,934 | \$ 1,018,172 |
| Workforce Training Fund (WTFP) | 15,169,326 | 14,161,758 | 1,007,568 |
| Employment Prog.for Spec. Target Populations | - | 659,536 | (659,536) |
| Hampden County Earmark | - | 214,000 | (214,000) |
| Demonstration Workforce Development Prog | 187,490 | (60.00) | 187,550 |
| Summer Jobs Program - Youth at Risk | 10,887,270 | 9,289,994 | 1,597,276 |
| Youth with Disabilities | - | 147,420 | (147,420) |
| Pre-Apprenticeship Program DOT -State | - | 206,623 | (206,623) |

| | | | |
|---|----------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Safe & Successful Youth Initiative (SSYI) | 165,251 | - | 165,251 |
| Healthcare Workforce Transformation Fund | 2,864,242 | 5,682,554 | (2,818,312) |
| DYS Youth State Funds | 17,202,669 | 17,148,336 | 54,333 |
| Pre-Apprenticeship Program DOT - Federal | - | 216,669 | (216,669) |
| DYS Youth Federal Funds | 785,360 | 825,205 | (39,845) |
| Other Funding - Miscellaneous | 126,863 | 48,207 | 78,656 |
| | \$ 48,686,577 | \$ 48,880,176 | \$ (193,599) |

4. Information detailing debt or equity investment of the agency

N/A

5. The number, nature and amounts of any loans, real estate loans, working capital loans and guarantees approved by the agency

N/A

6. Other forms of financing or financial assistance that the agency provided

N/A

7. A report of patents or products resulting from agency-funded activities

N/A

8. A description of technical assistance that the agency provided

For Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund and YouthWorks grantees and program providers Commonwealth Corporation provides one-on-one technical assistance related to program design and performance. We also design and convene learning communities for these grantees. For Workforce Training Fund grantees, Commonwealth Corporation provides assistance as needed related to addressing potential issues related to their ability to complete planned training activities and to meeting reporting requirements.

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FISCAL YEAR 2017 ANNUAL PLAN

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