

MASSACHUSETTS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM

# Mass Workforce Issuance

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**To:** Chief Elected Officials  
Workforce Board Chairs  
Workforce Board Directors  
Title I Administrators  
Career Center Directors  
Title I Fiscal Officers  
DCS Operations Managers

**cc:** WIOA State Partners

**From:** Alice Sweeney, Director  
Department of Career Services

**Date:** December 23, 2015

**Subject:** Office of Postsecondary Education Talent Search Program - Funding Opportunity

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**Purpose:** To notify Local Workforce Development Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce development partners of Funding Opportunity [ED-GRANTS-122215-001](#), announced through the Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE), Department of Education (DOE), December 22, 2015.

**Background:** DOE announces the availability of \$134,662,000 in grant funds for the Talent Search Program. The purpose of the Talent Search Program is to identify qualified individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds with potential for education at the postsecondary level and encourage them to complete secondary school and undertake postsecondary education. The Department has a strong interest in ensuring that students who are low-income, potential first-generation college students, limited English proficient, students from groups that are traditionally underrepresented in postsecondary education, students with disabilities, students who are homeless children and youths, students who are in foster care or are aging out of the foster care system, or other disconnected students receive services provided by Talent Search.

<b>Funding Opportunity Number:</b>	ED-GRANTS-122215-001
<b>Application Deadline:</b>	February 5, 2016
<b>Expected Number of Awards:</b>	451
<b>Total Program Funding</b>	\$134,662,000
<b>Award Ceiling:</b>	\$230,000
<b>Period of Performance:</b>	Up to 60 months

Eligible applicants include: Institutions of higher education, public and private agencies, and organizations including community-based organizations with experience in serving disadvantaged youth, combinations of such institutions, agencies and organizations, and secondary schools, for planning, developing, or carrying out one or more of the services identified under this program.

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