

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:** August 18, 2016

**Subject:** **Performance Partnership Pilots (P3) Funding Opportunity**

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**Purpose:** To notify Local Workforce Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce partners of the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE) funding opportunity [ED-GRANTS-081516-001](#): *Performance Partnership Pilots (P3)* announced August 15, 2016 on Grants.gov.

**Background:** The Performance Partnership Pilots (P3) enable pilot sites to test innovative, outcome-focused strategies to achieve significant improvements in educational, employment, and other key outcomes for disconnected youth using new flexibility to blend existing Federal funds and to seek waivers of associated program requirements.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014 (2014 Appropriations Act) and reauthorized for FY 2015 by the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (2015 Appropriations Act) and for FY 2016 by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 (2016 Appropriations Act) authorize the Departments of Education (ED or the Department), Labor (DOL), Health and Human Services (HHS), Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and Justice (DOJ), the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), and the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) (collectively, the Agencies), to enter into Performance Partnership Agreements (performance agreements) with State, local, or tribal governments to provide additional flexibility in using certain

of the Agencies’ discretionary funds including competitive and formula grant funds across multiple Federal programs.

Entities that seek to participate in these pilots will be required to commit to achieving significant improvements in outcomes for disconnected youth in exchange for this new flexibility.

The authorizing statute states that “ ‘[t]o improve outcomes for disconnected youth’ means to increase the rate at which individuals between the ages of 14 and 24 (who are low-income and either homeless, in foster care, involved in the juvenile justice system, unemployed, or not enrolled in or at risk of dropping out of an educational institution) achieve success in meeting educational, employment, or other key goals.”

<b>Funding Opportunity Number:</b>	<a href="#">ED-GRANTS-081516-001</a>
<b>Closing Date for Applications:</b>	October 31, 2016
<b>Notice of Intent to Apply (Optional):</b>	September 29, 2016
<b>Estimated Total Program Funding:</b>	\$2,000,000
<b>Expected Number of Awards:</b>	10
<b>Estimated Range of Awards:</b>	\$200,000 - \$250,000
<b>Period of Performance:</b>	Not to extend beyond 9/30/2020
<b>Eligible Applicants*:</b>	City or township governments, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), State governments, Special district governments, County governments

**\*Additional Information on Eligibility:** The lead applicant must be a State, local or tribal government entity, represented by a Chief Executive, such as a governor, mayor, or other elected leader, or the head of a State, local, or tribal agency.

The full funding opportunity description is published in the [Federal Register](#).