

Mass Workforce Issuance

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To: Chief Elected Officials
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cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
Department of Career Services

Date: March 21, 2016

Subject: **Reentry Demonstration Projects for Young Adults – Funding Opportunity**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce partners of the Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration Funding Opportunity [FOA-ETA-16-06: Reentry Demonstration Projects for Young Adults](#) released March 17, 2016.

Background: This grant provides the opportunity for organizations to build a customized project built on evidence-based and informed interventions. These projects will serve young adults between the ages of 18 to 24 who have been involved in the juvenile or adult justice system and reside in high-poverty, high-crime communities. The focus of this initiative is to assist communities in planning and implementing comprehensive “reentry” programs to address the full range of challenges involved in helping young offenders released from incarceration make a successful transition back to the community. The intent of this initiative is to protect community safety through successful reintegration of offenders returning to the community by ensuring that offenders:

- become productive, responsible, and law-abiding citizens;
- are provided with positive opportunities to engage in pro-social activities such as employment or education;
- maintain long-term employment;
- sustain a stable residence; and
- successfully address their substance abuse issues and mental health needs.

Funding Opportunity Number:	FOA-ETA-16-06
Application Deadline:	April 19, 2016
Expected Number of Awards:	7
Total Program Funding	\$30,250,000
Award Ceiling:	\$4,500,000

Eligible applicants include: Community- or faith-based organizations with 501(c)(3) nonprofit status and Indian/Native American entities under Section 166 of WIOA – must have a presence in at least three communities and across at least two states.