

MASSACHUSETTS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM

# Mass Workforce Issuance

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**To:** Chief Elected Officials  
Workforce Development Board Chairs  
Workforce Development 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:** March 27, 2017

**Subject:** **Reentry Employment Opportunities – 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, [FOA-ETA-17-02](#), *Reentry Employment Opportunities*, through Reentry Projects (RP), Department of Labor (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) announced March 21, 2017 on [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

**Background:** This FOA provides the opportunity for organizations to build customized projects from evidence-based and informed interventions or from promising practices. These projects will serve either young adults between the ages of 18 to 24 who have been involved in the juvenile or adult justice system or adults ages 25 or older who have been incarcerated in the adult criminal justice system and released from prison or jail within 180 days. All projects must be located 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 formerly incarcerated adults and young adults who have been involved in the juvenile or adult justice system make successful transitions back to the community.

The intent of this initiative is to protect community safety by ensuring that these individuals:

- become productive, responsible, and law-abiding citizens;

- are provided with positive opportunities to engage in pro-social activities such as employment and/or education;
- maintain long-term employment;
- sustain a stable residence; and
- successfully address their substance abuse issues and mental health needs, as applicable, through partnerships with local programs.

Applicants may propose to serve either adults (ages 25 or older) or young adults (ages 18-24) in each application but may not serve both adults and young adults in the same application. Applicants may submit up to one application to serve adults and up to one application to serve young adults for a total of two applications. Applicants may include current or former DOL grantees; new applicants that have not received previous DOL grants are also encouraged to apply.

<b>Funding Opportunity Number:</b>	FOA-ETA-17-02
<b>Application Deadline:</b>	April 27, 2017
<b>Estimated Total Funding:</b>	\$66,000,000
<b>Award Ceiling:</b>	\$4,500,000
<b>Expected Number of Awards:</b>	28
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Either an intermediary organization (defined for the purpose of this Announcement as organizations that have an affiliate network or offices in at least 3 communities & across at least 2 states) <b>or</b> as a community-based organization (CBO) (defined for the purpose of the Announcement as organizations with single sites or multiple sites within 1 state)

#### **Action**

**Requested:** Please share with managers, staff and partners as appropriate.