

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: April 13, 2017

Subject: **Reentry Employment Opportunities Grant - Call for Ideas**

Purpose: The Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development is seeking input from local areas with regard to reentry program design related to funding opportunity [FOA-ETA-17-02](#), *Reentry Employment Opportunities*, through Reentry Projects (RP), Department of Labor (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA). If local areas or partners are operating a reentry program or have ideas that would lend to a state application, please let us know. The funding opportunity is summarized in Mass Workforce Issuance [100 DCS 25.147](#).

All ideas are welcomed and appreciated. Please send an email outlining your current program and ideas for utilization of this grant opportunity at the state or local level to Sarah Kiley Schoff at Sarah.k.schoff@state.ma.us by close of business **April 18th, 2017**. If you are submitting an email of interest you are strongly encouraged to review the full funding opportunity for activity and program parameters.

Background: The DOL ETA announced approximately \$66 million in grant funds authorized by section 169 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) for research and evaluations to improve the management and effectiveness of workforce programs and activities such as Reentry Projects (RP). Projects funded under this FOA are authorized under Section 212 of the Second Chance Act of 2007. Projects are required partners in the American Job Centers (AJCs) under WIOA sec. 121(b)(1)(B) and must share in the funding of the One-Stop Delivery

System. The Department intends to award these grants to a combination of rural- and urban-serving organizations.

The purpose of these grants is to use evidence-based and informed interventions, or new interventions that theory or research suggests are promising, (or a combination of both) to improve employment outcomes of adults ages 25 and older that were formerly incarcerated in the adult criminal justice system and released within 180 days or young adults between the ages of 18 to 24 who have been involved in the juvenile or adult justice system. Grants for adults and young adults **must be located in high-poverty, high-crime communities.**

Funding Opportunity Number:	FOA-ETA-17-02
Application Deadline:	April 27, 2017
Estimated Total Funding:	\$66,000,000
Award Ceiling:	\$4,500,000
Expected Number of Awards:	28

ETA plans to award up to \$1,500,000 each to approximately twenty (20) CBOs, approximately thirteen (13) proposing to serve adults and approximately seven (7) proposing to serve young adults.

Eligible Applicants:

Eligible applicants are 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) **or** as a community-based organization (CBO) (defined for the purpose of the Announcement as organizations with single sites or multiple sites within 1 state). **State and local government fall into the CBO category.**

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. Eligible applicants targeting Adults are limited to nonprofit community-or faith-based organizations with IRS 501(c) (3) nonprofit status, including women's and minority organizations. Applicants targeting adults must also be located in an urbanized area or urban cluster, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Eligible applicants targeting Young Adults are limited to either community- or faith-based organizations with IRS 501(c) (3) nonprofit status, including women's and minority organizations; state or local governments; or any Indian and Native American entity eligible for grants under Section 166 of WIOA. 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.

Action

Requested: Please share with management, staff and partners as appropriate. Questions regarding this opportunity can be directed to Sarah Kiley Schoff at Sarah.k.schoff@state.ma.us.