

# 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:** June 10, 2016

**Subject:** **Training Resources and Internship Networks (TRAIN) Grant Program**

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**Purpose:** To notify Local Workforce Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other workforce investment partners of available funds for training and education under awards made to local Community Colleges to assist long-term unemployed.

**Background:** The Training Resources and Internship Networks (TRAIN) Grant Program authorizes the Department of Higher Education (DHE), in cooperation with the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, to issue grants to not fewer than two community colleges for the purpose of implementing training programs and providing employer sponsored internships for the long-term unemployed. Qualifying proposals focus on the development of occupational and readiness skills needed to assist individuals in returning to the workforce in high-demand industries such as health care, advanced manufacturing, computer science/information technology, life sciences and/or financial services.

The Department of Higher Education, in partnership with the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, awarded \$1.28M in Training Resources and Internship Networks (TRAIN) grants to five MA public community colleges for the implementation of their proposed training programs for the long-term unemployed. This TRAIN grant funding will serve up to 180 long-term unemployed citizens with a projected 118 program participants gaining employment in health care fields. The community colleges will work in

collaboration with regional one-stop career centers to identify and engage eligible candidates who will (1) participate in workforce readiness and skills training programs, (2) be placed in employer sponsored internships (at no cost to the student nor the employer), and (3) receive monthly stipends to assist with associated living and travel expenses.

DHE awarded all five proposals. The Grant contracts will begin June 15, 2016 and end May 1, 2017.

#### Awards:

Community College	Program	Award	Scope of Impact		Grant Contact Information	
			Numbers Served	Expected Employment	Name/Title	Email/Phone
<b>Bristol</b>	C.N.A	<b>\$219,393</b>	30	20	Paul Vigeant, VP of Workforce Development	<a href="mailto:paul.vigeant@bristolcc.edu">paul.vigeant@bristolcc.edu</a> 774-357-3657
<b>Bunker Hill</b>	EMT/C.N.A	<b>\$181,006</b>	36	23	Laurie McCorry, Dean, STEM	<a href="mailto:lmccorr@bhcc.mass.edu">lmccorr@bhcc.mass.edu</a> 617-228-2465
<b>Holyoke</b>	HHA/C.N.A	<b>\$228,529</b>	64	36	Kermit Dunkelberg, VP of Workforce Development	<a href="mailto:kdunkelberg@hcc.edu">kdunkelberg@hcc.edu</a> 413-552-2506
<b>Mt. Wachusett</b>	HHA/C.N.A	<b>\$199,072</b>	20	14	Joseph Stiso, VP of Workforce Development	<a href="mailto:jstiso@mwcc.mass.edu">jstiso@mwcc.mass.edu</a> 978-630-9593
<b>Quinsigamond</b>	C.N.A	<b>\$200,000</b>	30	25	Kathie Manning, Dean of Workforce Development	<a href="mailto:kmanning@qcc.mass.edu">kmanning@qcc.mass.edu</a> 508-751-7902
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$1,028,000</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>118</b>		

#### Action

**Required:** Please assure that all Career Center staff are aware of the DHE TRAIN Programs and funding available for training and education assistance for long-term unemployed individuals.

**Effective:** Immediately

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