

Mass Workforce Issuance

Workforce Issuance No. 14-14

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To: Chief Elected Officials
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Title I Fiscal Officers
DCS Operations Managers

cc: WIA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
Department of Career Services

Date: February 21, 2014

Subject: **YouthBuild Funding Opportunity**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce investment partners of a new funding opportunity. The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA) has posted a Solicitation for Grant Applications, [SGA/DFA PY-13-04](#), for the **YouthBuild** program.

Background: DOL/ETA has announced the availability of approximately \$73 million in grant funds to be divided among 73 projects across the country. The grants have an award ceiling of \$1.1 million and a period of performance not to exceed three (3) years and four (4) months. Applications must be received no later than 4:00pm EST, April 22nd, 2014.

The YouthBuild program is a community-based alternative education program for youth between the ages of 16 and 24 who are high school dropouts, adjudicated youth, youth aging out of foster care, youth with disabilities, and other disadvantaged youth populations. The YouthBuild program simultaneously addresses several core issues facing low-income communities: affordable housing, education, employment, and leadership development.

Eligible applicants for these grants are public or private non-profit agencies or organizations including rural, urban, or Native American agencies that have previously served disadvantaged youth in a YouthBuild or other similar program.

Please refer to the full Solicitation for Grant Applications (SGA), identified above, for complete information.