

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 19, 2018

**Subject:** Administration for Community Living (ACL) – Funding Opportunities

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**Purpose:** To notify Local Workforce Development Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce development partners of two funding opportunities through the Administration for Community Living (ACL) / National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR), Disability and Rehabilitation Projects (DRRP) Program: Employment of Individuals with Disabilities – 1) Development and 2) Research.

**Background:** The purpose of NIDILRR's Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects (DRRP), which are funded through the Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program, is to plan and conduct research, demonstration projects, training, and related activities, including international activities, to develop methods, procedures, and rehabilitation technology that maximize the full inclusion and integration into society, employment, independent living, family support, and economic and social self-sufficiency of individuals with disabilities, especially individuals with the most severe disabilities, and to improve the effectiveness of services authorized under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (Rehabilitation Act).

Two funding opportunities are being offered for projects aimed at improving the employment outcomes of individuals with disabilities. One for development and the other for research.

**Development:** A grantee must use knowledge and understanding gained from research to create models, methods, tools, applications, and devices beneficial to the target populations, including design and development prototypes and processes.

**Research:** A grantee must identify one or more hypotheses or research questions and, based on the hypotheses or research questions identified, perform an intensive, systematic study directed toward producing (1) new or full scientific knowledge or (2) understanding of the subject or problem studied.

	<b>Development</b>	<b>Research</b>
<b>Funding Opportunity Number:</b>		
HHS-2018-ACL-NIDILRR-DPEM-	<a href="#">0273</a>	<a href="#">0274</a>
<b>Application Deadline:</b>	April 23, 2018	April 23, 2018
<b>Expected Number of Awards:</b>	1	1
<b>Estimated Total Funding:</b>	\$475,000	\$475,000
<b>Award Ceiling:</b>	\$475k per Budget Period	\$475k per Budget Period
<b>Length of Project Period:</b>	60 month*	60 month*
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	States; public or private agencies, including for-profit, agencies; public or private organizations, including for-profit organizations; IHEs; and Indian tribes and tribal organizations	States; public or private agencies, including for-profit, agencies; public or private organizations, including for-profit organizations; IHEs; and Indian tribes and tribal organizations

\* 60 month project period with five 12-month budget periods

The ACL has requested funding for the NIDILRR program for FY 2018. The actual level of funding, if any, depends on final Congressional action. However, ACL is inviting applications to allow enough time to complete the grant process if Congress appropriates funds for this program.

Contingent upon the availability of funds and the quality of applications, ACL may make additional awards in FY 2019 from the list of approved but unfunded applicants from this competition.

**Action**

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