

# Mass Workforce Issuance

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**To:** Chief Elected Officials  
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Career Center Directors  
Title I Fiscal Officers  
DCS Operations Managers

**cc:** WIOA State Partners

**From:** Alice Sweeney, Director  
Department of Career Services

**Date:** April 10, 2018

**Subject:** New Funding Opportunity: ReEntry Projects CALL for IDEAS

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**Purpose:** The Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD) and the Department of Career Services (DCS) invite input from local Workforce Boards and Career Center Operators in conjunction with local Workforce, and other Partners with regard to reentry program design related to funding opportunity FOA-ETA-18-02, Reentry Projects (RP).

**Background:** The Employment and Training Administration (ETA), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL, the Department), announces the availability of approximately \$82.5 million in grant funds authorized by Section 169 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), which authorizes research and evaluations to improve the management and effectiveness of workforce programs and activities. Projects funded under this FOA are also authorized under Section 212 of the Second Chance Act of 2007.

WIOA promotes a job-driven integrated system of workforce solutions that connect every type of job-seeker with the employers in need of skilled workers. Through this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), ETA seeks to enhance both adult and young adult reentry strategies through collaboration with the field to identify and respond to emerging or chronic reentry challenges. This FOA provides the opportunity for organizations to build customized projects.

The Department will competitively select applicants that have proposed service delivery approaches that are comprised of evidence-based and evidence-informed interventions previously shown to achieve successful employment outcomes for

justice-involved individuals, new interventions that theory or research suggests are promising, or a combination of both. Models must provide solutions to improving workforce outcomes for justice-involved individuals located in high-crime, high-poverty communities. Applicants must have a clear framework for delivering services and accomplishing performance goals and measures identified by DOL.

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, including high school dropouts, or adults ages 25 or older who were formerly incarcerated in the adult criminal justice system and released from prison or jail within 180 days of enrollment. Applicants may submit up to two (2) applications in response to this FOA, a maximum of one (1) to serve adults and a maximum of one (1) to serve young adults. Each application may only propose to serve one target population, and applicants may not serve young adults and adults in the same program. Applicants may be selected to receive up to two (2) grant awards.

Massachusetts is eligible to apply as a “non-intermediary organization (NIO) (for the purpose of the Announcement, non-intermediary organizations are those with single sites or multiple sites within one state). Applicants applying as non-intermediary organizations may apply for a ceiling amount of **up to \$1,500,000**.

DOL must receive applications no later than **May 4, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time**.

DCS will participate in the Prospective Applicant Webinar <https://www.workforcegps.org/events/2018/03/15/16/46/Reentry-Employment-Opportunities-REO-Reentry-Projects-2018-Potential-Applicant>.

The webinar is open to all; please sign up if you are able to do so. The webinar transcript will be available for viewing after that date.

**Action Required:**

1. Please review the Reentry Projects funding opportunity, located on Grants.Gov: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>.
2. Please share with managers, staff and partners as appropriate. We encourage the submission of ideas for this application. Please propose your idea as a 1-2 page document that touches upon the salient elements as delineated in the FOA. Please attempt to identify a potential related cost with the understanding that this is a quick first attempt at learning about all potential projects. Please email to Jason Albert at [Jason.Albert@MassMail.State.MA.US](mailto:Jason.Albert@MassMail.State.MA.US) by close of business **Friday, April 13**.