

MASSACHUSETTS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM

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Information

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: May 25, 2018

Subject: **New Funding Opportunity – YouthBuild**

Purpose: To provide Local Workforce Development Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce partners of notification of a funding opportunity available through the US Department of Labor (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) for *YouthBuild – FOA-ETA-18-04*, released May 18, 2018.

Background: The DOL ETA announces the availability of approximately \$85 million in grant funds authorized by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) (Pub. L. 113-128) for YouthBuild.

Under this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), DOL will award grants through a competitive process to organizations providing pre-apprenticeship services that support education, occupational skills training, and employment services to at-risk youth, ages 16 to 24, while performing meaningful work and service to their communities. In addition to construction skills training, YouthBuild applicants may include occupational skills training in other in-demand industries. This expansion into additional in-demand industries is the Construction Plus component, a priority in this grant competition.

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2018, DOL hopes to serve approximately 5,250 participants during the grant period of performance, with approximately 85 projects awarded across the country. Individual grants will range from \$700,000 to \$1.1 million and require a 25 percent match from applicants, using sources other than Federal funding.

Funding Opportunity:	FOA-ETA-18-04
Application Deadline:	September 18, 2018
Award Range:	\$700,000 - \$1,100,000
Expected Number of Awards:	Up to 85
Period of Performance:	40 months
Eligible Participants:	At-risk youth, ages 16 to 24
Eligible Applicants:	Public or private non-profit agencies - that have previously served disadvantaged youth in a YouthBuild or other similar program such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community and faith-based organizations with IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit status;• An entity carrying out activities under WIOA, such as a local workforce development board or one-stop center partner program;• Educational institutions, including a local school board, public school district, or community college;• A community action agency;• A State or local housing development agency;• Any Indian and Native American entity eligible for grants under Section 166 of WIOA;• A community development corporation;• State/local youth service conservation corps; and• Any other public or private non-profit entity that is eligible to provide education or employment training under a Federal program and can meet the required elements of the grant

Action

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