

Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration



Upcoming ETA Funding Competitive Opportunities

Reentry Projects - \$66,000,000

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The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) plans to award approximately \$66 million to fund Reentry Projects which provide the opportunity for organizations to build customized projects built on evidence-based and informed interventions or promising practices that will lead to improved employment outcomes for either young adults between the ages of 18 to 24 who have been involved in either the juvenile or adult justice system or adults ages 25 or older who have been incarcerated in the adult criminal justice system and released from prison or jail within 180 days; all participants must reside in high-poverty, high-crime communities. Applicants must demonstrate evidence-based and informed interventions or promising practices that lead to increased employment outcomes for this population in their selected geographic area and in framing their goals and objectives to deal with this issue.

Applicants may submit up to two applications in response to this announcement, one for each target population; applicants must not propose to serve both target populations in the same application. In each applications, applicants must apply either as an intermediary organization (for the purpose of this announcement, intermediary organizations are defined as organizations that have an affiliate network or offices in at least three communities and across at least two states) or as a community-based organization (for the purpose of this announcement, community-based organizations are organizations with single sites or multiple sites within one state). Eligible applicants targeting adults are limited to community- or faith-based organizations with IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit status located in urbanized areas or urban clusters, as defined by the US Census Bureau; eligible applicants targeting young adults are limited to community- or faith-based organizations with IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit status (including women's and minority organizations), state or local governments, or any Indian and Native American entity eligible for grants under Section 166 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) plans to award approximately 28 grants totaling \$66 million to eligible organizations. ETA anticipates awarding 8 grants to intermediary organizations, 4 proposing to serve adults and 4 proposing to serve young adults, of up to \$4.5 million each; ETA anticipates awarding 20 grants to community-based organizations, 10 proposing to serve adults and 10 proposing to serve young adults, of up to \$1.5 million each.

Workforce Data Quality Initiative Grants: approximately \$6 million
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The Department of Labor will make up to \$6 million in awards under the sixth round of the Workforce Data Quality Initiative (WDQI). This grant program provides funding and technical assistance to states building or expanding their workforce longitudinal administrative databases. Data in the workforce longitudinal administrative databases are matched, at the individual-level, with data from pre-kindergarten to post-secondary education programs while protecting individual privacy, to provide a more complete picture of the relationship between education, training, and employment. The WDQI complements the Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems program administered by the Department of Education. States use their longitudinal administrative databases to evaluate the performance of federally and state-supported education and job training programs. Through the longitudinal administrative database, states also are able to produce tools, in an easy to display format such as dashboards and scorecards, using training provider performance information and outcomes. These user-friendly tools can help consumers make more informed decisions when selecting a training program and/or provider. New in round six of WDQI, one state will be eligible to receive an award up to \$2,750,000 to integrate their state case management, performance reporting, and/or fiscal reporting system into the longitudinal administrative database. ETA believes that this funding will help support WIOA implementation activities and develop best practices for system integration that other states can use as they move towards linking other external IT systems into their longitudinal administrative database.

YouthBuild Program: approximately \$80 million
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YouthBuild is a community-based alternative education program for youth between the ages of 16 and 24 who are high school dropouts or those who previously dropped out and subsequently re-enrolled, adjudicated youth, youth in and aging out of foster care, youth with disabilities, and other disadvantaged youth populations. The YouthBuild program simultaneously addresses several core issues important to low-income communities: affordable housing, education, employment, leadership development, and energy efficiency. These grants will be awarded to organizations to oversee the provision of education, occupational skills training, and employment services to disadvantaged youth. This FOA will award approximately 80 grants across the country. Individual grants will range from \$700,000 to \$1.1 million and require an exact 25 percent match from applicants, using sources other than federal funding. The grant period of performance for this FOA is 40 months, including a four-month planning period. For more information on YouthBuild, please visit https://www.doleta.gov/Youth_services/YouthBuild.cfm.

Indian and Native American Employment and Training Programs – Assistance to Unique Populations in Alaska and Hawaii: approximately \$497,000
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The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) plans to award approximately \$497,000 in grant funds for the Indian and Native American Employment and Training Program – Assistance to Unique Populations in Alaska and Hawaii. This program is intended to support entities with demonstrated experience and expertise in developing and implementing employment and training programs for the unique populations who reside in Alaska or Hawaii. This funding opportunity will focus on developing programs designed to strengthen learning

opportunities for Native Hawaiian and/or Alaska Native youth and young adults ages 14 to 24 to develop the skills needed to be prepared for jobs in high-growth, in-demand occupations and industries. It specifically will focus on those skills gained by studying science, technology, engineering, and math—subjects collectively known as STEM. The goal of these grants is to strengthen and develop culturally, linguistically, and geographically appropriate education, employment, and training programs with a focus on increasing Native Hawaiian and/or Alaska Native enrollment in STEM-related certificates and degree programs; in turn strengthening their potential for employment in high-growth, in-demand occupations and industries. ETA will award up to 2 (two) grants of no more than \$248,500 each (with one grant targeting populations in Alaska and one grant targeting populations in Hawaii). Due to the small funding amounts being awarded under this FOA, we will also take into consideration the extent to which this FOA supplements and/or leverages existing resources and/or established programs that provide similar employment and training related services to Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian youth and young adults.