

Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration



Upcoming ETA Funding Competitive Opportunities

Strengthening Working Families Initiative: \$25 million
FOA-ETA-16-05 closed March 16, 2016: Awards in late Spring 2016

As a part of the Administration's efforts to support working families, the U.S. Department of Labor will make approximately \$25 million in grant funds available for the Strengthening Working Families Initiative (SWFI) grant program to address education and training barriers for low- to middle-skilled parents by prioritizing the needs of this targeted population; addressing child care needs for parents seeking education and training; increasing access to child care resources; and bridging the gap between the workforce development and child care systems.

Applicants may propose projects up to \$4 million. To accommodate a range of applicants and models, including rural single or consortium applicants, there is no designated minimum amount for which communities may apply.

The link to the webpage posting ETA solicitations is: http://www.doleta.gov/grants/find_grants.cfm.

TechHire Initiative: \$100 million
FOA-ETA-16-01 closed March 11, 2016: Awards in late Spring 2016

The Department of Labor will make new Federal investments to train and connect more workers to a good job in technology and other in-demand fields. The Administration will launch a \$100 million H-1B grant competition to support innovative approaches to training and successfully employing low-skill individuals with barriers to training and employment including those with child care responsibilities, people with disabilities, disconnected youth, and limited English proficient workers, among others. This grant competition will support the scaling up of evidence-based strategies such as accelerated learning, work-based learning, and Registered Apprenticeships. A White House Fact Sheet is available at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2015/03/09/fact-sheet-president-obama-launches-new-techhire-initiative>. The link to the webpage posting ETA solicitations is: http://www.doleta.gov/grants/find_grants.cfm.

Linking to Employment Activities Pre-Release (LEAP 2) through Specialized America Job Centers: \$5 million
FOA-ETA-16-03 closed February 26, 2016: Awards in Summer 2016

The purpose of this pilot program is to provide incarcerated individuals with workforce services prior to release and link them to a continuum of services offered through their community-based AJCs post-release. These grants are job-driven and build connections to local employers that will enable transitioning offenders to secure employment. The jail-based specialized AJCs will enable transitioning offenders to prepare for employment prior to release and continue with Individual Employment Plans (as described in Section IV) in the community once released. Eligible applicants are Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDBs). LWDBs must apply in partnership with their county or municipal governments and their county, municipal, or regional correctional facilities (this excludes any state or Federal correctional facilities that may be located in the local commuting area) and provide evidence of this partnership in their application. The link to the webpage posting ETA solicitations is: http://www.doleta.gov/grants/find_grants.cfm.

Career Pathways for Youth Grants: approximately \$20 million
FOA-ETA-16-08 Closed March 25, 2016: Awards in Spring 2016

The Career Pathways for Youth (CPY) grants are designed to provide resources to Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDBs) to expand and enhance existing summer employment programs and work experiences throughout the year for eligible youth. These grants are intended to strengthen the alignment of partnerships under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) to encourage partners to collaborate and expand their capacity to serve youth entering the workforce in their local community. The grants will require partnerships between Local Boards and local summer employment programs, employers, Local Education Agencies, and re-engagement centers to expand summer into year-round employment and work experience programs for eligible youth. The link to the webpage posting ETA solicitations is: http://www.doleta.gov/grants/find_grants.cfm.

Reentry Demonstration Projects for Young Adults - \$30,000,000
FOA-ETA-16-06 Opens March 17, 2016 - Closes April 19, 2016: Awards in Summer 2016

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) plans to award approximately \$30 million to fund Reentry Demonstration Projects for Young Adults which provide the opportunity for organizations to build a customized project built on evidence-based and informed interventions that serve male and female young adults between the ages of 18 to 24 who have been involved in the juvenile or adult justice system and reside in high-poverty, high-crime communities. Applicants must demonstrate evidence-based and informed interventions 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.

Eligible applicants include intermediary organizations that have an affiliate network or offices in at least three communities and across at least two states and are community- or faith-based organizations with 501(c)3 non-profit status (including women's and minority organizations) or any Indian and Native American entity under WIOA Section 166. Applicants may be current or former DOL grantees.

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) plans to award seven grants of up to \$4.5 million each to eligible intermediary organizations. DOL will award one grant out of the seven to an intermediary organization that serves rural areas. All applicants must have the capacity to implement multi-site projects and may only submit one application in response to this FOA. The link to the webpage posting ETA solicitations is: http://www.doleta.gov/grants/find_grants.cfm.

Pathways to Justice Careers Grants for Youth - \$5,000,000
FOA-ETA-16-09 Opens April 17, 2016 – Closes May 9, 2016: Awards in Summer 2016

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) plans to award \$5 million to fund the Pathways to Justice Careers for Youth program which provides mentoring and career exploration program in the field of justice and emergency services personnel (police officers, firefighters and paramedics) for youth enrolled in the 11th and 12th grades between the ages of 16 to 21 that are at-risk of dropping out of public or alternative high school. The purpose of these grants is to improve employment opportunities for those youth that are at-risk of dropping out of school and at risk of becoming involved in the juvenile or adult justice systems (some youth may have already become involved with the juvenile justice system) by giving them mentorship and a career pathway that leads them to careers in justice and emergency services careers. Projects funded under this FOA must be located in high-poverty, high-crime communities. We propose to fund 5 grants of \$1,000,000 each. The link to the webpage posting ETA solicitations is: http://www.doleta.gov/grants/find_grants.cfm.

National Farmworker Jobs Program: \$81.8 Million

FOA-ETA-16-03 Opens March 16, 2016 - Closing May 3, 2016: Awards in Summer 2016

The National Farmworker Jobs Program (NFJP) is designed to increase economic opportunities for migrant and seasonal farmworkers (MSFW) and their dependents through employment services, training and related assistance. NFJP works to counter chronic unemployment and underemployment experienced by MSFWs who depend primarily on jobs in agricultural labor performed within the United States and Puerto Rico. This grant program provides customized career and technical education, English literacy instruction, pesticide training, permanent housing, school dropout and recovery activities through public agencies and private non-profit organizations. The NFJP is an integral part of the public workforce system and a partner in the nationwide network of American Job Centers (also referred to as one-stop centers). To learn more about the NFJP, please visit <http://www.doleta.gov/MSFW/html/NFJP.cfm> or the link to the webpage posting ETA solicitations is: http://www.doleta.gov/grants/find_grants.cfm.

Senior Community Service Employment Program: \$430 million

FOA-ETA-16-04 Opens March 15, 2016 - Closing April 29, 2016: Awards in Summer 2016

The Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) is a community service and work-based job training program for older Americans. The program provides training for low-income, unemployed seniors, who gain work experience in a variety of community service activities at non-profit and public facilities, including schools, hospitals, day-care centers, and senior centers. The NFJP is an integral part of the public workforce system and a partner in the nationwide network of American Job Centers (also referred to as one-stop centers). To learn more about SCSEP, please visit <http://www.doleta.gov/seniors/>. The link to the webpage posting ETA solicitations is: http://www.doleta.gov/grants/find_grants.cfm.

YouthBuild Program: approximately \$80 million

Anticipated Funding Opportunity Announcement – late Spring 2016

YouthBuild 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, homeless youth, 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.