

Department of Labor - Employment and Training Administration (ETA)



Upcoming ETA Competitive Funding Opportunities

Reentry Projects ~ \$82.5 million

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Awards Made: Summer 2018

ETA plans to award approximately \$82.5 million in grant funds for 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 and 24) who have been involved in either the juvenile or adult justice system, or adults age 25 or older who have been incarcerated and released from prison or jail within 180 days of enrollment. 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 for these populations. ETA is seeking proposed strategies to address these issues, including trying new approaches, work-based learning experiences, addressing gaps in services, or building or translating research knowledge. All projects must be located in high-crime, high-poverty communities.

Applicants may submit up to two applications in response to this FOA. A maximum of one to serve adults and a maximum of one 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. Applications that propose serving both young adults and adults in the same program will be disqualified and not move forward in the merit review process. Applicants may be selected to receive up to two grant awards.

All applicants must apply as either 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 other organizations

Eligible applicants are limited to:

- Community and faith-based organizations with IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit status, including women's and minority organizations (for the purpose of this announcement - community-based organizations are organizations with single sites or multiple sites within one state);
- State and local governments; and
- Any Indian and Native American entity eligible for grants under section 166 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), including Federally and Other Than Federally-Recognized Tribes, Native American non-profit organizations, and Native Hawaiian and Alaska Native organizations.

Applicants may include current or former Department of Labor (DOL) grantees; new applicants that have not

received previous DOL grants are also encouraged to apply.

Approximately \$82.5 million in total is expected to be awarded under this opportunity to roughly 35 organizations. ETA will award approximately ten grants of up to \$4.5 million each to ten intermediary organizations. Of these awards, roughly three will serve adults and seven will serve young adults. ETA will award at least \$25 million to intermediaries serving young adults. In addition, ETA will award approximately 25 grants of up to \$1.5 million each to other organizations. Of these awards, roughly 12 will serve adults and 13 will serve young adults.

YouthBuild ~ \$80 million

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ETA plans to award approximately \$80 million in grant funds, dependent on the final FY 2018 appropriation, for the YouthBuild program, a community-based alternative education program for youth between the ages of 16 and 24 who are high school dropouts or 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; and leadership development. These grants will be awarded to organizations to oversee the provision of education, occupational skills training, including pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs, and employment services to disadvantaged youth. YouthBuild programs must provide construction training and work on low-income housing in their communities but they can also offer additional in-demand industry training to align with local in-demand occupations and provide more diverse placement opportunities for youth who choose not to pursue construction careers.

Applicants may submit only one application in response to this announcement, and only if they were not awarded a YouthBuild grant in the previous year.

Eligible applicants are limited to:

- Community and faith-based organizations with IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit status (including women's and minority organizations);
- An entity carrying out activities under WIOA, such as a local workforce development board or One-Stop Career Center;
- 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, including Federally and Other Than Federally-Recognized Tribes, Native American non-profit organizations, and Native Hawaiian and Alaska Native organizations;
- A community development corporation;
- A state or 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.

Approximately \$80 million in total is expected to be awarded under this opportunity through roughly 80 grants across the country. Individual grants will range from approximately \$700,000 to \$1.1 million and require a 25

percent match from applicants, using sources other than Federal funding.

Indian and Native American Employment and Training Programs ~ \$62 million
(\$50 million for the Comprehensive Service Program [Adult] and \$12 million for Supplemental Youth Services)

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Awards Made: Summer 2018

ETA plans to award approximately \$62 million in grant funds, dependent on the final FY 2018 appropriation for the Native American employment and training programs, which provide employment and training activities for low income and unemployed American Indians, Alaskan Natives, and Native Hawaiians (see WIOA section 166). The purpose of these programs is to: 1) develop the academic, occupational, and literacy skills of such individuals; 2) make these individuals more competitive in the workforce and to equip them with entrepreneurial skills necessary for successful self-employment; and 3) promote the economic and social development of Native communities in accordance with the goals and values of such communities. Grantees must meet minimum regulatory requirements, but have great flexibility in deciding the design of their respective programs.

Applicants may submit only one application in response to this announcement.

Eligible applicants are any Indian and Native American entity eligible for grants under section 166 of WIOA, limited to Federally-Recognized Tribes, Native American non-profit organizations, and Native Hawaiian and Alaska Native organizations.

Approximately \$62 million in total is expected to be awarded under this opportunity through roughly 176 grants across the country. Funds will be allocated to successful entities through a funding formula defined in Departmental regulations using the latest available Decennial Census data and based on the number of individuals that are unemployed and living in poverty within specified geographic areas of the United States (i.e., counties, Indian reservations, Oklahoma Tribal Statistical Areas, and Alaska Native Village Service Areas). In addition, the Supplemental Youth Services Program provides funding specifically for Native American youth “on or near” Indian reservations and in Alaska, Hawaii, and Oklahoma. This funding is a supplement to the section 166 funding and is awarded primarily to Federally-Recognized Tribes to serve Native American youth living on Indian reservations. This program currently funds 176 grants with funding amounts ranging from \$14,803 to \$5,525,686 for the Comprehensive Services Program and \$1,006 to \$2,885,909 for the Supplemental Youth Services Program.

RETAIN Demonstration Projects ~ \$63 million

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The Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP), in collaboration with ETA and the Social Security Administration plan to award approximately \$55,000,000 to \$63,000,000 in cooperative agreement funds to plan and conduct pilot demonstration projects called RETAIN – Retaining Employment and Talent after Injury/Illness. RETAIN demonstrations will test the impact of early intervention projects on stay-at-work/return-

to-work (SAW/RTW) outcomes. Central to these projects is the early coordination of health care and employment-related supports and services to help injured or ill workers remain in the workforce. To accomplish this, successful applicants will provide services through an integrated network of partners that include close collaboration between state and/or local workforce development entities, health care systems and/or health care provider networks, and other partners as appropriate.

The RETAIN Demonstration will be structured and funded in two phases. The initial period of performance (Phase 1) will be 18 months and will include planning and start-up activities, including the launch of a small pilot demonstration no later than month nine. We expect to provide approximately \$2,166,000 each to an estimated six state workforce agencies in the form of cooperative agreements for Phase 1. At the conclusion of the initial period of performance, a subset of up to three Phase 1 awardees will be competitively awarded supplemental funding of up to \$18,600,000 to implement the demonstration projects during Phase 2. Awardees will be required to participate in an evaluation, which will be designed in Phase 1 and conducted during Phase 2 by an external, independent contractor.

The following organizations are eligible to apply:

- State Departments of Labor, State Workforce Development Agencies, or an equivalent entity with responsibility for labor, employment, and/or workforce development; and
- Entities described in section 166(c) of WIOA relating to Indian and Native American programs. These entities include Indian tribes, tribal organizations, Alaska Native entities, Indian-controlled organizations serving Indians, or Native Hawaiian organizations. These applicants are not required to partner with Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDBs).