



Workforce Issuance

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Policy Information

To: Chief Elected Officials
MassHire Workforce Board Chairs
MassHire Workforce Board Directors
MassHire Career Center Directors
MassHire Fiscal Officers
MDCS Operations Managers

cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
MassHire Department of Career Services

Date: March 3, 2022

Subject: **Funding Opportunity - Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grants Program**

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators, and other local workforce partners of a funding opportunity through the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA), announcing the availability of approximately \$45,000,000 in grant funds authorized by the Section 169(c) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act for the second round of the Strengthening Community Colleges (SCC2) Training Grants program.

Background: This second round of Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grants will increase the capacity and responsiveness of community colleges to close equity gaps in addressing skill development needs of employers and workers, in support of the Biden-Harris Administration's priorities to leverage and advance community colleges. Awarded grants will focus on accelerated learning strategies that support skill development, rapid reskilling, and employment through targeted industry sectors and career pathway approaches. These strategies will also address identified equity gaps to increase full access to educational and economic opportunity – particularly for individuals from historically underrepresented and marginalized populations and communities.

Funding Opportunity Number: FOA-ETA-22-02
Application Deadline: June 2, 2022
Estimated Total Funding: \$45,000,000
Award Ceiling: Single institution applicants may apply for a ceiling amount of \$1.6 million and consortium lead applicants may apply for a ceiling amount of \$5 million.
Estimated Awards Granted: 5-7 consortia and 6-8 single institution grants.
Period of Performance: 48 Months beginning 9/1/22
Eligible Applicants: Please see FOA page 24 for a complete list.

Action

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

Effective: Immediately.

Attachment: FOA-ETA-22-02