



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 9, 2022

Subject: **Funding Opportunity – Growth Opportunities**

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) – Growth Opportunities (FOA-ETA-22-03).

Background: The purpose of this program is to introduce and prepare justice-involved youth and young adults for the world of work through placement into paid work experiences, and on a path to more equitable career opportunities with their peers. In addition to paid work experiences, the program encompasses occupational education and training in in-demand industries, leadership development, a mentorship component, and post-work experience placement into unsubsidized employment and/or education. These grants focus on youth and young adults most impacted by community violence to advance equity, particularly in areas of concentrated crime and poverty as well as communities that have recently experienced significant unrest.

Funding Opportunity Number: FOA-ETA-22-03
Application Deadline: June 1, 2022 (Round 1) / October 5, 2022 (Round 2)

Estimated Total Funding:	\$85,000,000
Award Ceiling:	*\$2,000,000 – \$4,000,000
Estimated Awards Granted:	29
Period of Performance:	42 Months – beginning 6/1/22 (Round 1) and 1/2/23 (Round 2)
Eligible Applicants:	County governments; City or township Governments; Special district governments; Regional government organization; Independent school districts; Indian/Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized); Nonprofits other than institutions of higher ed having 501(c)(3) status, including union training funds, faith-based, women’s, minority, and community-based organizations

* Ceiling amounts vary based on application pursued.

On approximately March 15, 2022, a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) page about the funding opportunity will be available at <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/grants/apply/find-opportunities>. Please check this link frequently for future updates, as additional FAQs may be added. A pre-recorded Prospective Applicant Webinar will also be available at the same link and available for viewing any time after that date. While a review of this Webinar is strongly encouraged to support successful grant applications, it is not mandatory.

Action

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

Effective: Immediately.

Attachment: Funding Opportunity Announcement - ETA-22-03