

a. Abstract: Bluegrass Community and Technical College Job Corps Scholars

Area Served: **Central Kentucky:** Job Corps Scholars will be recruited from the BCTC service area allocated by the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, including Boyle, Estill, Fayette, Garrard, Jessamine, Lincoln, Madison, Powell, and Scott Counties in KY.

Number of Participants: At least **eighty** eligible students will be BCTC Job Corps Scholars.

Will the Proposed Project Include a Residential Component? **No.** There is no mandatory requirement to live on campus during time as a Job Corps Scholar. Job Corps Scholars who are enrolled full-time (12 credit hours) per semester at one of BCTC's Fayette County campuses (Cooper, Leestown, or Newtown) or at BCTC's Winchester campus are eligible students to apply for special housing through our arrangement with the University of Kentucky.

Total Cost Per Participant: There will be **no charge** to participating Job Corps Scholars.

Type of Institution: **Bluegrass Community and Technical College (BCTC) is an accredited two-year, public open-admissions community college** with campuses in Lexington, Danville, Georgetown, Lawrenceburg, & Winchester, KY. The college enrolls approximately 9,500 students each semester and provides training for business partners to more than 2,000 of their employees. BCTC awards Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in Applied Science, and Associate in Fine Arts degrees, as well as Diploma and Certificate credentials in many disciplines. Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, last year BCTC awarded 3,471 credentials in more than forty areas of study.

Experience working with Job Corps eligible student populations? **Nearly all BCTC students** are Pell grant eligible, and Kentucky ranks 44th out of 50 states in per capita income. According to the BCTC First-Year Engagement Survey (2019), nearly 56% of incoming BCTC students reported household incomes below \$20,000 per year, and 27.9% had household incomes lower

than \$10,000 per year. More than ten percent of all students entering BCTC this Fall reported experiencing “housing issues, not having a place to live, or homelessness” within the past twelve months, according to the Fall 2019 First Year Engagement Survey of students, conducted by BCTC’s Office of Institutional Planning, Research, and Effectiveness.

Previous personal/career and employment counseling services provided: The Career Center at BCTC helps students get career ready for life after BCTC. They assist through career assessments, improving interview skills, tips for resume writing, exploring a major, and more. Bluegrass Community and Technical College uses College Central Network as its official job resource and resume system. Students can easily apply to jobs and Internship/Co-op job opportunities and search other opportunities via Jobs Central and Intern Central, national job boards. Additionally, BCTC has recently hired a new full time staff member to help students obtain apprenticeships.

Current technical career training programs: Please see Attachment 13 for a complete list of the sixty-five BCTC certificate programs from which Job Corps Scholars may choose.

Summary of the Proposed Project: BCTC will provide career technical training, certification, access to apprenticeship programs, and individualized personal and employment counseling to at-risk, Job Corps eligible youth. We anticipate sixty-four of the eighty will complete the program with a drop-out percentage rate of twenty percent. We anticipate sixty will be job-attached after completing and sixty-two within 12 months of completing.

Census Tract Number(s) in Service Delivery Area Designated as Qualified Opportunity Zones:

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