



**Employment and Training Administration  
U.S. Department of Labor**

**Overview: Current and Upcoming Competitive Funding Opportunities**

**Reentry Adult: Approximately \$59.5 million**

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**Announce Awards: Spring 2021**

The Reentry Adult, Pathway Home Projects will enroll adult inmates, aged 18 and above, into community-based reentry programs before release from state correctional facilities, and county and local jails. These projects will offer transitional services that range from work-readiness, counseling, and securing support services pre-release to a continuum of training in in-demand industries leading to industry-recognized credentials and employment post-release. Participants will maintain the same caseworker pre-and-post release as suggested as a “best practice” in the Linking Employment Activities Pre-Release Implementation Study. The design of these projects will eliminate the gap between release from prison or jail and enrollment into a reentry program leading to employment. Eligible applicants are community- or faith-based organizations with IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit status, including women’s and minority organizations; for-profit entities; post-secondary education institutions; state or local governments; or any Indian and Native American entity eligible for grants under section 166 of WIOA.

**Reentry Youth: Approximately \$25 million**

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The Young Adult Reentry Project (YARP) provides community- or faith-based organizations with IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit status, including women’s, and minority organizations, post-secondary education institutions, and any Indian and Native American entity eligible for grants under section 166 of WIOA the opportunity to partner with community colleges and the justice system to improve the employment outcomes for young adults. Grantees will provide education and training in high-growth industries to young adults aged 18-24 involved in the justice system. ETA is interested in program models that provide work-based learning opportunities, including pre-apprenticeships and apprenticeships, and models that exhibit strong partnerships with employers. Applicants must be intermediary organizations defined as having a presence in at least three communities and across at least two states, and must serve at least three communities, across two states for this project. Applicants, through their sub-grantees, must partner with at least one community college in targeted industries. Priority consideration will be given to applicants that identify serving communities with rates of high-poverty and high-crime.

**YouthBuild: \$90 million**  
**Anticipated Publication: Summer 2021**  
**Announce Awards: Winter 2021**

The YouthBuild program is a community-based alternative education program for youth between the ages of 16 and 24 who left high school before completion, adjudicated youth, youth in and aging out of foster care, youth with disabilities, and other disadvantaged youth populations. YouthBuild simultaneously addresses several core issues important to low-income communities such as affordable housing, education, employment, and leadership development. 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 (Construction Plus) to align with local in-demand occupations and provide more diverse placement opportunities for youth who choose not to pursue construction careers. YouthBuild will continue to focus on Construction Plus models by allowing any applicant to propose additional in-demand industries for training. Eligible applicants are private nonprofit or public agencies. These organizations include rural, urban, or Native American agencies.

**WORC 3: Approximately \$30 million**  
**Anticipated Publication: Spring 2021**  
**Announce Awards: Summer 2021**

Workforce Opportunities for Rural Communities (WORC) grants are designed to develop local and regional workforce development solutions aligned with existing economic development strategies. These grants will provide enhanced training and support activities to dislocated workers (including displaced homemakers), new entrants to the workforce, and incumbent workers. Individuals affected by substance abuse disorder may also receive services through this grant. Collectively, these grant activities promote new, sustainable job opportunities and long-term economic vitality. WORC grants will be awarded in collaboration with the Appalachian Regional Commission and Delta Regional Authority, and will focus on rural areas hard hit by economic transition that are recovering slowly. Projects will address the specific skill needs of both businesses and workers in either the Appalachian region or the Lower Mississippi Delta region, as defined in 40 U.S.C 14102(a)(1) and in 7 U.S.C. 2009aa(2), respectively. Eligible applicants are State Government, County Government, City or Township Government, Special District Government, Regional Organization, Independent School District, Public/State Controlled Institution of Higher Education, Private Institution of Higher Education, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Indian/Native American Tribal Government (Federally Recognized), Indian/Native American Tribal Government (Other than Federally Recognized), Indian/Native American Tribally Designated Organization, Public/Indian Housing, Nonprofit Organizations, Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities.

**Workforce Pathways for Youth: \$10 million**  
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**Announce Awards: Spring 2022**

The Workforce Pathways for Youth grant program, as outlined in the Department of Labor Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116-94) Statement of Managers, provides \$10,000,000 for grants to national out-of-school time (OST) organizations that serve youth. These grants will place emphasis on age-appropriate workforce readiness programming to expand job training and workforce pathways for youth, including soft skill development, career exploration, job readiness and certification, summer jobs, year-round job opportunities, and apprenticeships. Funding will also support partnerships between workforce boards and youth-serving organizations. Eligible entities will be national OST nonprofit (501(c)(3)) organizations with local affiliate networks. For purposes of this FOA, a national organization is defined as an organization that has affiliates operating in at least five states. An OST organization is a nonprofit that operates a supervised program that young people regularly attend when school is not in session. This can include before- and after- school programs on a school campus or facilities off of a school campus such as academic programs (e.g., reading or math-focused programs), specialty programs (e.g., sports teams, STEM, arts enrichment), and multipurpose programs that provide an array of activities.

**State Apprenticeship Expansion, Equity, and Innovation Grants: Up to \$87,500,000**  
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**Announce Awards: Spring 2021**

The State Apprenticeship Expansion, Equity, and Innovation grant program will support the expansion and diversification of Registered Apprenticeship Programs (RAPs), as described in 29 C.F.R. 29. Grant funds will be awarded to Governor-led, state initiatives that are expanding, diversifying and transforming registered apprenticeship. Funding will provide states with the flexibility to meet specific industry needs and demands. Collectively, these efforts will aim to achieve the following goals: (1) System expansion to support the development, modernization, and diversification of RAPs; (2) Equity in apprenticeship by increasing the number of apprentices enrolled in RAPs, including underrepresented populations; (3) Partnership and alignment to support workforce system integration; and (4) Innovation in program development and recruitment strategies.

**Registered Apprenticeship (RA) Technical Assistance (TA) Centers of Excellence Cooperative Agreements: Up to \$31,000,000**  
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**Announce Awards: Spring 2021**

RA TA Apprenticeship Extension Centers of Excellence will provide technical expertise and services to current and future Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) customers to accelerate and support RAP expansion, improve equity in RAPs, and, ultimately, increase the effectiveness of the use of federal funding appropriated for the expansion of RAPs across the nation. RA TA Centers of Excellence will support the following key functions: (1) Diversity and Inclusion Center; (2) Strategic Partnerships and System Alignment Center; (3) Apprenticeship Occupations and Standards Center; and (4) Data and Performance and Best Practices Center. Funds will be awarded through a cooperative agreement (one for each Center) and RA TA centers will work in close coordination with the Department's Office of Apprenticeship (OA).

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For frequently asked questions and tips on preparing an application, visit [www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/grants/apply/faqs](http://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/grants/apply/faqs). If no contact is listed above, email questions to [ogm@dol.gov](mailto:ogm@dol.gov).

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