AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor

ACTION: Amendment to FOA-ETA-20-02

SUMMARY: The Employment and Training Administration announced on March 5, 2020, the availability of funds and the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for Pathway Home grants to be awarded through a competitive process. This amendment to the FOA revises language in Section IV.B.3.d., Partnerships, Section IV.B.4, Attachments to the Project Narrative, and Section V.A.4, Partnerships.

The document is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION IV.B.3.d, Partnerships

Amended Text (new language in bold)

Mandatory Partnerships

Applicants must identify, and provide a written commitment (an email or other form of written commitment), from the state correctional facility or local jail the applicant intends to partner with for this project. The written commitment must, at a minimum, address how the applicant and partner staff will access the state correctional facility or local or county jail and how partners will provide services pre-release, accommodations for services to be provided, a strategy for internet accessibility or an alternative, resources and space supplied by the correctional facility, facility requirements for inmate participation and selection, and security for applicant and partner staff.

Recommended Partnerships

• Applicants must describe the specifics of their partnership(s) and provide a Memorandum(a) of Understanding or Letter(s) of Commitment signed by the authorizing agent of the partner organization (an email or other form of written commitment is also acceptable), which describes:
  o Services to be provided to the organization or participants;
  o Procedures for enrollment or recruitment, if applicable;
  o Any resources to be committed to the program.
SECTION IV.B.4, Attachments to the Project Narrative

Amended Text (new language in bold)

a)(2) Letter of Commitment/Memorandum of Understanding from Correctional Facility
Submit a signed and dated Letter of Commitment or Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (an email or other form of written commitment is also acceptable) between the applicant and each state correctional facility or local jail, which will serve as a mandatory partner. See Section IV.B.3.d. Applications that do not include this written commitment will be disqualified.

b)(2) Letters of Commitment or MOUs
Submit signed and dated Letters of Commitment or Memoranda of Understanding (an email or other form of written commitment is also acceptable) between the applicant and additional partner organizations and/or sub-grantees that propose to provide services to support the program model and lead to the identified outcomes. (See Section IV.B.3.d.)

SECTION V.A.4, Partnerships

Amended Text (new text in bold)

Mandatory Partnerships (Up to 9 points)
   i. The comprehensiveness of the identified partnership with the state correctional facility or local or county jail for the project, documented through Letters of Commitment or Memoranda of Understanding (an email or other form of written commitment is also acceptable) between the applicant and each identified partner as described in Section IV.B.3.d. (Up to 8 points)
   ii. The strength of the MOUs or Letters of Commitment (an email or other form of written commitment is also acceptable). (Up to 1 point)

Recommended Partnerships (Up to 6 points)
   iii. The comprehensiveness of the identified additional partnerships for the project documented through Letters of Commitment or Memoranda of Understanding (an email or other form of written commitment is also acceptable) between the applicant and each identified partner. (Up to 2 points)
   iv. The comprehensiveness of the identified supportive service providers, documented through Letters of Commitment or Memoranda of Understanding (an email or other form of written commitment is also acceptable) between the applicant and each identified supportive service partner. (Up to 2 points)
   v. The strength to which the applicant demonstrates their plan to keep partners engaged in the project and how partners will communicate pre- and post-release as described in Section IV.B.3.d. (Up to 2 points)

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