



Growth Opportunities Program

OVERVIEW

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) Growth Opportunities (GO) grant initiative supports the placement of youth (15-18) and young adults (18-24) with school expulsion or justice system contact into paid work experiences aligned with their career and educational goals. It also provides funding for services such as mentorship, legal assistance, and transportation that support participants' participation and success. The goals of the grant include:

- ✓ Help youth avoid violence and build conflict resolution skills.
- ✓ Introduce and prepare youth for the world of work.
- ✓ Help youth identify career interests and attain skills and good work habits.
- ✓ Provide income to youth to start them on the path of earning living wages.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The GO program contributes to the comprehensive strategy to combat gun violence and other violent crime, in part, with preventative measures proven to reduce violent crime. The program is administered by the Reentry Employment Opportunities (REO) unit of ETA and is authorized under WIOA's demonstration grant authority in Section 169(b). Grant awards prioritize projects serving high-crime, high-poverty areas, as well as communities that have disproportionate rates of expulsions and suspensions.

PROGRAM IMPACT

The GO program has awarded 59 grants, with an anticipated 13,289 individuals to be served. The grants will operate for 42 months, including 3 to 6 months provided for a planning period. Each young adult will receive at least 200 paid hours of work experience, as well as conflict resolution and leadership training.

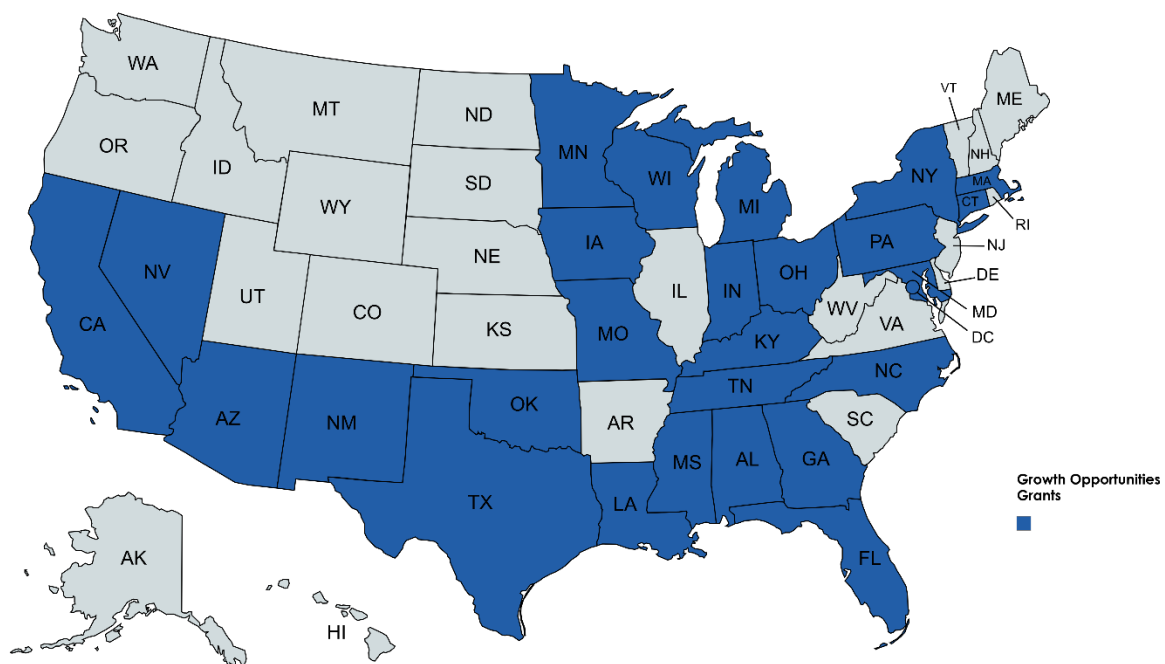
PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Justice-involved youth and young adults will be prepared for and introduced to the world of work through placement into paid work experiences. In addition, the program encompasses occupational education and training in in-demand industries, leadership development,

mentorship, and post-program placement into employment and/or education. These grants focus on youth and young adults most impacted by and associated with community violence, particularly in areas of concentrated crime and poverty.

GO grantees must have a violence prevention partner with significant experience in outreach to individuals with a high risk of committing violence (and/or becoming a victim) to interrupt the cycle of violence. Grantees must also have a regional or local justice system partner that collaborates with the violence prevention partner.

AWARDEES



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Grantee Organizations

GO1	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AMIKids, Inc. • Family Health International • Gang Alternative • Garfield Jubilee Assoc. • Homeboy Industries • Latino Coalition for Community Leadership (LCCL) • Midwest Urban Strategies • MN Chippewa Tribe (White Earth Band) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OIC of America • SER-Jobs for Progress • Siouxland HIP • STRIVE Int'l • The Dannon Project • Urban League of Rochester • Workforce Inc. aka Recycleforce
GO2	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambassadors For Christ Youth Ministries • Epidaurus • Goodwill Industries International, Inc. • Knoxville Leadership Foundation • Land of Sky Regional Council • MERS/Missouri Goodwill Industries • National Urban League 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Piece of the Pie, Inc. • PathStone Corporation • Peckham Vocational Industries, Inc. • Southwest Counseling Solutions • Towards Employment Incorporated • Volunteers of America Southeast Louisiana
GO3	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Initiatives Support Corporation • Metro Community Ministries Inc. • Tri-County Jobs for Ohio's Graduates 	
GO4	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Austin Area Urban League, Inc. • County of Santa Barbra • Family Health International • Goodwill Industries International, Inc. • Institute for Educational Leadership, Inc. • Keys2Work Inc. • Latino Coalition for Community Leadership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Urban League • PathStone Corporation • Roca, Inc. • Social Enterprise & Training Center Inc. • Urban League of Rochester N.Y. Inc. • Youth Development Inc. • YouthBuild USA, Inc.
GO5	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access Connections to Success • CPLC Nevada Inc • Employ Milwaukee, Inc. • Fresno Area Workforce Investment Corporation • Goodwill Industries of Kentucky, Inc. • International Youth Foundation • It's My Community Initiative, Inc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jobs for the Future • Knoxville Leadership Foundation • Midwest Urban Strategies, Inc. • National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation • OIC of America, Inc. • Peckham Vocational Industries, Inc. • STRIVE International, Inc.