

REENTRY EMPLOYMENT IN SKILLED TRADES, ADVANCED MANUFACTURING, REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIPS, AND TRAINING (RESTART)

Overview

On June 24, 2026, the Department of Labor granted 22 awards totaling \$81,701,389 for the Reentry Employment in Skilled Trades, Advanced Manufacturing, Registered Apprenticeships, and Training (RESTART) grant program.

The purpose of this program is to prepare youth (ages 15-17), young adults (ages 18-24), and adults (ages 25 and above) for employment. The program is specifically geared towards youth, young adults, and adults who have criminal records, have criminal justice-system contact, and/or have dropped out of school or other educational programs prior to completion. RESTART grantees provide a wide array of training and employment services, such as: robust assessments of prior learning and skills; pre-apprenticeships; work-based learning through On-the-Job Training (OJT) and Registered Apprenticeships; artificial intelligence (AI), digital literacy, and financial literacy training; credential attainment; paid work experiences; unsubsidized employment placement; developing and deploying learning and employment records (LER) or comprehensive learner record (CLR) solutions where feasible including connecting corrections education with existing state LER and CLR efforts; credit for prior learning and acceleration solutions for rapid entry into postsecondary credentialing opportunities; and relevant skills training for high-demand sectors. RESTART grants focus on at least one of the following sectors: shipbuilding, AI infrastructure build-out, advanced manufacturing, nuclear energy, transportation, domestic mineral production, and information technology (IT) including AI.

All RESTART grantees are required to provide specific services to participants. Those required services are training programs leading to industry-recognized credentials; career development services including screening for WIOA eligibility and co-enrolling when eligible; individual development plan (IDP) creation; provision of or referral to supportive services; mentorship; and follow-up services for at least 12 months. In addition, those RESTART grantees serving youth and/or young adults must provide needs assessments every six months. Those RESTART grantees serving adults must also provide needs assessments but are not required to repeat them every six months. Adult-serving RESTART grantees must also provide participants with placement in unsubsidized employment.

Due to the complex nature of this grant program, RESTART grantees are required to employ one full-time staff person with 100% of their time dedicated to the grant as the program manager/director of the project.

Award Summary:

- \$81,701,389 in RESTART funds awarded
- Awards range from \$1,849,500 to \$5,100,000
- 22 awards issued: 12 to serve youth/young adults and 10 to serve adults
- Period of Performance: 42 months (July 1, 2026, to December 31, 2029)

RESTART Grantees

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Youth/Young Adult Grant Recipients

Alabama Department of Workforce

Montgomery, AL

Award Amount:	\$2,999,999
Population(s) Served:	Young Adults (Ages 18-24)
Participant Enrollment Goal:	400
Applicant Type:	State Government Agency
Sub-Grantees (if applicable):	West Alabama Works! (implementer)
Target Area(s):	Tuscaloosa, Birmingham, Montgomery, Mobile, and all 67 counties (statewide)
Target Sector(s):	Advanced Manufacturing, Shipbuilding, Shipbuilding, Construction Trades, Transportation, Domestic Mineral Production, Information Technology, and AI infrastructure

Project Summary: RESTART Alabama for Young Adults connects young adults ages 18 - 24 to vocational training and industry-recognized credentials for skilled trades. Training, apprenticeship, and credentialing focus on Alabama's shipbuilding and maritime, advanced manufacturing, and construction sectors. The initiative builds a permanent, employer-connected pipeline for justice-impacted individuals while addressing critical workforce shortages and reducing recidivism.

Program activities include conducting a comprehensive landscape analysis to map existing training and on the job training opportunities in the target sectors to identify accessibility gaps for returning citizens; working with partners to build an employer engagement infrastructure; participant recruitment and enrollment; vocational training, career development and credentialing; and case management to include mentoring and provision of supportive services.

The **proposed outcomes** are: 75% employment rate 2nd quarter after exit; 70% employment rate 4th quarter after exit; \$5,000 median earnings 2nd quarter after exit; 80% credential attainment rate; 10% enrolled in a Registered Apprenticeship; and less than 10% recidivism rate.

Epidaurus (dba Amity Foundation)

Tucson, AZ

Award Amount:	\$5,100,000
Population(s) Served:	Young Adults (Ages 18-24)
Participant Enrollment Goal:	680
Applicant Type:	Intermediary
Sub-Grantees (if applicable):	County of Riverside Housing & Workforce Solutions; San Bernardino County Workforce Development Department; City of Los Angeles Economic & Workforce Development Department; City of Long Beach; Merced County Workforce Development Board; Justice Through Code
Target Area(s):	Cities of Long Beach, Los Angeles; Counties of San Bernardino, Riverside, Merced, Humboldt
Target Sector(s):	Shipbuilding (through welding), AI Infrastructure (construction), Transportation, Advanced Manufacturing, and Information Technology (AI automation training for businesses).

Project Summary: The AmityWorks project has a three-prong strategy to achieve outcomes and outputs. These are: 1) To establish strong partnerships with the public workforce system in each target area to co-enroll participants in WIOA services, ensuring they receive robust career and training services that lead to employment or an apprenticeship; 2) To build capacity to serve justice-involved young adults by convening quarterly technical assistance meetings with all subgrantees to share best practices for serving the justice-involved population; and, 3) To target high-demand industries in each target area, paired with employer partnerships and commitments, to consider hiring AmityWorks graduates.

Program activities include planning meetings with subgrantees to strategize and develop annual implementation plans; completing outreach and recruitment of eligible participants; providing vocational training; and tracking participant data for continuous improvement and accountability.

The **proposed outcomes** are: 75% employment rate 2nd quarter after exit; 70% employment rate 4th quarter after exit; \$5,000 median earnings 2nd quarter after exit; 80% credential attainment rate; 10% enrolled in a Registered Apprenticeship; and less than 39.1% recidivism rate.

Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (FDJJ)

Tallahassee, FL

Award Amount:	\$3,968,220
Population(s) Served:	Youth (Ages 15-17) & Young Adults (Ages 18-24)
Participant Enrollment Goal:	550
Applicant Type:	State Government Agency
Sub-Grantees (if applicable):	N/A
Target Area(s):	Statewide
Target Sector(s):	Advanced Manufacturing, Skilled Trades (Electrician), Shipbuilding

Project Summary: Florida's DJJ RESTART project implements a comprehensive, performance-driven workforce development model designed to achieve measurable improvements in credential attainment, employment placement, and career pathway progression for justice-involved youth and young adults. The project will strengthen employer partnerships while a grant-funded Employer Engagement Specialist will work directly with participants and employers to ensure each participant has an opportunity to meet with prospective employers and LWDB's prior to release, with the goal of having them connected to employment prior to leaving the DJJ residential program, reducing gaps in workforce engagement. Outcomes include measurable gains in career readiness and employability skills with at least 90% of youth participants (ages 15–17) earning the Florida Ready to Work Soft Skills certification. Over the grant period at least 150 youth participants will complete a pre-apprenticeship in advanced manufacturing; at least 200 youth participants and young adults will complete a pre-apprenticeship in construction trades; and at least 250 participants will earn National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) certifications. The program will ensure that 90% of participants are connected to at least one employer prior to release, and at least 65% of young adults (ages 18–24) are placed into employment or Registered Apprenticeship within 90 days of exit (aligned with prior sections).

Program activities include working with employment partners to support pre-release interview coordination, job placement, career pathway alignment, and subsidized work-based learning opportunities including paid internships and on-the-job training for participants. They emphasize paying wages on a weekly basis to ensure youth have funds to support their living needs immediately post-release and use a comprehensive data system to track credential attainment and other outcomes to find gaps and improve the program.

At minimum, the grantee's required outcomes are: 75% employment rate 2nd quarter after exit; 70% employment rate 4th quarter after exit; \$5,000 median earnings 2nd quarter after exit; 80% credential attainment rate; 10% enrolled in a Registered Apprenticeship and a recidivism rate less than that of the State of Florida.

Kansas Department of Commerce

Topeka, KS

Award Amount:	\$1,999,999
Population(s) Served:	Young Adults (Ages 18-24)
Participant Enrollment Goal:	267
Applicant Type:	State Government Agency
Sub-Grantees (if applicable):	N/A
Target Area(s):	All 105 counties within the State of Kansas
Target Sector(s):	Advanced Manufacturing, Distribution, Logistics and Transportation, Professional and Technical Services, including AI.

Project Summary: KANSASWORKS RESTART utilizes intensive case management and workforce development services that help prepare participants to enter sustainable, living wage employment in a high-demand industry in the local labor market of their community. Workforce development services include but are not limited to job preparation; individualized plans that address barriers to employment; career counseling; career exploration and planning including an assessments of prior learning skills; training in digital and financial literacy; access to relevant skills training and credential attainment; access to work-based learning through on-the-job training and Registered Apprenticeships; and connections to well-paying jobs in in-demand industries.

Program activities include participant recruitment and enrollment, hiring Navigators who will serve as intensive case managers, developing individual employment plans for enrollees, and placing them in pre-apprenticeship programs.

The **proposed outcomes** are: 75% employment rate 2nd quarter after exit; 70% employment rate 4th quarter after exit; \$5,000 median earnings 2nd quarter after exit; 80% credential attainment rate; 10% enrolled in a Registered Apprenticeship; and less than 18% recidivism rate.

Keys2Work, Inc.

Indianapolis, IN

Award Amount:	\$5,100,000
Population(s) Served:	Young Adults (Ages 18-24)
Participant Enrollment Goal:	680
Applicant Type:	Intermediary
Sub-Grantees (if applicable):	RecycleForce (RF), 2 nd Chance Indiana (2CI)
Target Area(s):	Seven Indiana Counties (Marion, Howard, Tipton, Dekalb, Elkhart, Kosciusko, and Noble) in three non-contiguous regions.
Target Sector(s):	Advanced Manufacturing Transportation, Information Technology

Project Summary:

Keys2Work (K2W) delivers a job-first program that focuses on quickly connecting reentrants to employment that, coupled with industry-recognized credentialing, faith-based career development, and strategic supports (e.g., Christian mentoring, peer mentoring, tailored supportive services, transportation to work), motivates young adults to develop the habits and cadence of work.

K2W coordinates the work of two sub-grantees to serve young adults in seven Indiana counties that constitute three non-contiguous regions in which the project partners' current assets and activities align with a gap in employment-focused services. When participants complete their transitional job period, they may be placed directly into employment in high-quality jobs, and continue into one of several Registered Apprenticeships, where they can leverage these credentials to "crosswalk" directly to Ivy Tech Community College and earn more advanced credentials and/or credits toward degree programs, or extend their transitional work experience.

Program activities include providing transitional jobs; industry-recognized training; and career development services; creating and implementing IDPs and offering secure supportive services and mentorship programs; providing follow-up services for 12+ months and repeating client needs assessments bi-annually.

The **proposed outcomes** are: 75% employment rate 2nd quarter after exit; 70% employment rate 4th quarter after exit; \$5,000 median earnings 2nd quarter after exit; 80% credential attainment rate; 10% enrolled in a Registered Apprenticeship; and less than 36.5% recidivism rate.

Midwest Urban Strategies (MUS)

Elm Grove, WI

Award Amount:	\$5,100,000
Population(s) Served:	Young Adults (Ages 18-24)
Participant Enrollment Goal:	680
Applicant Type:	Intermediary
Sub-Grantees (if applicable):	Tecumseh Area Partnership / Region 4 Workforce Board; WorkOne South Central; Center of Workforce Innovations; Workforce Council of Southwest Ohio; Stark Tuscarawas Workforce Development Board
Target Area(s):	Lake, Porter, La Porte, Jasper, Newton, Pulaski, Starke, Brown, Daviess, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Orange Tippecanoe, Clinton and Owen Counties, IN; City of Cincinnati and Hamilton, Stark, and Tuscarawas County, OH
Target Sector(s):	Advanced Manufacturing, Logistics, Construction and Skilled Trades, AI

Project Summary: MUS RESTART aims to complement available job reentry services by coordinating with other diversion programs, county jails, reentry providers, and community organizations in the five target regions of Indiana and Ohio. The project design is built around a structured intermediary model in which MUS provides coordination, performance management, technical assistance, data oversight, and quality assurance, while the five sub-grantee workforce boards lead local service delivery in their respective communities. MUS is well-positioned to lead this effort because it builds directly on the organization's prior U.S. Department of Labor-funded reentry and opportunity youth experience initiatives. MUS and its partners will provide a structured, workforce-centered reentry strategy that strengthens participant outcomes, regional talent pipelines, and long-term workforce system capacity.

Program activities include a planning phase to onboard partners, confirm workflows, provide staff training of data systems and assessment tools; a participant recruitment and enrollment phase that uses a multi-prong outreach strategy led by each sub-grantee workforce board; and the implementation phase to conduct participant assessments, perform growth-focused case management, provide sector based training, facilitate employer engagement and work-based learning, provide mentorship, supportive services, and follow-up.

The **proposed outcomes** are: 75% employment rate 2nd quarter after exit; 70% employment rate 4th quarter after exit; \$5,500 median earnings 2nd quarter after exit; 82% credential attainment rate; at least 10% enrolled in a Registered Apprenticeship; and a recidivism less than those of the most recent rates for Indiana and Ohio.

Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry

Harrisburg, PA

Award Amount:	\$2,999,999
Population(s) Served:	Youth (Ages 15-17) & Young Adults (Ages 18-24)
Participant Enrollment Goal:	400
Applicant Type:	State Government Agency
Sub-Grantees (if applicable):	N/A
Target Area(s):	Allegheny, Philadelphia, Lancaster, & Montgomery Counties, PA
Target Sector(s):	Shipbuilding, Advanced Manufacturing, Transportation and Logistics, Information Technology, Construction

Project Summary: The PA Labor and Industry (L & I) RESTART program serves justice-involved youth and young adults across the selected target areas of Allegheny (Pittsburgh), Philadelphia, Lancaster, and Montgomery County, and expands access to coordinated services and structured pathways to education, training, and employment opportunities. L & I RESTART creates a template of consistent services and partnerships across the targeted areas that is used to bridge the gap between employers and participants using traditional work-based learning opportunities, such as job shadows, internships, and pre-apprenticeships. The program offers a comprehensive youth-centered continuum of services spanning pre-release (where applicable), community-based engagement, and post-placement follow-up. Participants receive hands-on exposure to advanced manufacturing, construction, transportation or other targeted industries as well as foundational skills training, work-based learning opportunities, digital and financial literacy instruction, and soft skills. The combination of education, workforce training, and supportive services is intended to create a coordinated pathway from justice system involvement to work experience and employment, thereby reducing recidivism and supporting positive youth development.

Program activities include enrollment and tracking using a centralized performance management system led by L&I to ensure consistent data collection, reporting, and continuous improvements across all participating local workforce development areas. Local support services are delivered by partners and coordinated by the State of Pennsylvania.

The **proposed outcomes** are: 75% employment rate 2nd quarter after exit; 70% employment rate 4th quarter after exit; \$5,000 median earnings 2nd quarter after exit; 80% credential attainment rate; 10% enrolled in a Registered Apprenticeship; and a recidivism rate of 20% or less which is below the recidivism rate for the State of Pennsylvania.

Siouxland Human Investment Partnership (SHIP)

Sioux City, IA

Award Amount:	\$1,999,999
Population(s) Served:	Young Adults (Ages 18-24)
Participant Enrollment Goal:	267
Applicant Type:	Intermediary
Sub-Grantees (if applicable):	Sky Ranch Behavioral Services (SRBS), Innovative Business Consultants (IBC)
Target Area(s):	Three non-contiguous regions across northwest and west-central Iowa and northeast Nebraska, including: (1) the Sioux City metropolitan area (Woodbury County, IA and Dakota County, NE); (2) rural Northwest Iowa (Clay, Dickinson, and Buena Vista Counties); and (3) rural west-central Iowa (Harrison and Shelby Counties).
Target Sector(s):	Advanced Manufacturing; Transportation and Logistics; Construction and Skilled Trades; Mechanical and Industrial Trades; Domestic Mineral Production; and Digital and AI-enabled Workforce Applications.

Project Summary: BOOST Restart is a 42-month regional intermediary initiative designed to deliver coordinated, job-driven workforce development services including occupational training, industry-recognized credential attainment, work-based learning, and placement into unsubsidized employment and Registered Apprenticeships. Employer partners will support direct hiring, work-based learning, and placement aligned with training pathways. Siouxland Human Investment Partnership will serve as the regional lead and coordinator integrating behavioral health, reentry support, and workforce services to reduce recidivism, increase employment outcomes, and strengthen regional workforce pipelines across priority industries.

Program activities include enrollment of participants and implementation of a comprehensive, evidence-informed service model that includes individualized assessment and career pathway planning, training and work-based learning activities that incorporate digital literacy, financial literacy, and AI-enabled workforce readiness.

The **proposed outcomes** are: 77% employment rate 2nd quarter after exit; 72% employment rate 4th quarter after exit; \$6,000 median earnings 2nd quarter after exit; 82% credential attainment rate; 12% enrolled in a Registered Apprenticeship; and less than 24% recidivism rate.

State of Idaho Department of Labor (IDOL)

Boise, ID

Award Amount:	\$1,999,999
Population(s) Served:	Young Adults (Ages 18-24)
Participant Enrollment Goal:	267
Applicant Type:	State Government Agency
Sub-Grantees (if applicable):	N/A
Target Area(s):	Statewide
Target Sector(s):	AI Infrastructure Build Out; Advanced Manufacturing; Transportation; Domestic Mineral Production, Idaho In-Demand Careers

Project Summary: To accomplish its goals, RESTART Idaho–Young Adult serves participants by using a structured, three-phase service model that spans pre-release workforce preparation, transitional release, and post-release retention and advancement. The project emphasizes work-based learning as the primary pathway to employment.

Program activities include recruiting, identifying, and enrolling eligible young adults and assessing participant skill levels and other factors to develop Individual Development Plans for each enrolled participant. The Idaho Department of Labor will engage employers, industry representatives, apprenticeship sponsors, and others to design career pathways, and will coordinate supportive services in transition planning to reduce barriers to employment, providing post-release career coaching and track outcomes.

The **proposed outcomes** are: 76% employment rate 2nd quarter after exit; 71% employment rate 4th quarter after exit; \$6,500 median earnings 2nd quarter after exit; 81% credential attainment rate; 15% enrolled in a Registered Apprenticeship; and less than the State of Idaho’s 38% recidivism rate.

Volunteers of America, Inc.
Alexandria, VA

Award Amount:	\$5,100,000
Population(s) Served:	Young Adults (Ages 18-24)
Participant Enrollment Goal:	680
Applicant Type:	Intermediary
Sub-Grantees (if applicable):	Volunteers of America Southeast Louisiana (VOASELA), Volunteers of America Texas (VOATX)
Target Area(s):	Texas (Dallas, Fort Bend, Harris, Montgomery, and Tarrant Counties, Cities of Dallas and Houston); Louisiana (Jefferson, Plaquemines, Orleans, and St. Tammany Parishes and the City of New Orleans)
Target Sector(s):	AI Infrastructure and Information Technology, Healthcare, Advanced Manufacturing and Logistics, Transportation, and Construction industries

Project Summary: The RISE (Re-entering into Successful Employment) program serves two states, Texas under VOATX and Louisiana under VOSEALA. Both arms of RISE implement an innovative high-tech, high-touch approach that uses the TransitionConnect digital platform to match a participant's specific skill set and location with available apprenticeship opportunities or job openings in real-time, allowing them to address the complex needs of participants while bridging the gap between incarceration and apprenticeship in high growth industries. VOA will provide training oversight to include virtual reality (VR) modules that allow participants to experience work environments (shipbuilding, construction, AI-computer coding, etc.) in a risk-free setting.

Program activities include a six-month planning period when grantee staff are recruited, hired, and trained, including cognitive behavioral utilization of TransitionConnect VR modules. Participants are enrolled, followed by IDP development and assessment and intensive case management. Career matching, referral to support services, mentorship programming, and follow-up services are also provided to participants.

The **proposed outcomes** are: 75% employment rate 2nd quarter after exit; 70% employment rate 4th quarter after exit; \$5,000 median earnings 2nd quarter after exit; 80% credential attainment rate; 10% enrolled in a Registered Apprenticeship; and recidivism rates of 22.5% for the State of Texas (state rate is 24.3%) and 27.2% for the State of Louisiana (state rate is 34.3%).

West Jackson Community Development Corporation – (West Jackson) CDC Jackson, MS

Award Amount:	\$2,999,999
Population(s) Served:	Young Adults (Ages 18-24)
Participant Enrollment Goal:	400
Applicant Type:	Intermediary
Sub-Grantees (if applicable):	Delta Foundation Inc., Climb CDC
Target Area(s):	All of Harris, Hinds, and Washington counties, MS
Target Sector(s):	Shipbuilding, Advanced Manufacturing, Transportation & Logistics, Information Technology

Project Summary: The Mississippi Pathways Collaborative (MRPC) leverages established, community-based service delivery systems in targeted cities to support justice-involved young adults by providing workforce training, GED preparation, case management and other services through its YouthBuild program. The MRPC project design mirrors proven strategies by combining pre-release engagement, warm handoffs, paid work experience, and employer-aligned training. The collaborative coordinates closely with American Job Centers, community colleges, local workforce boards and others to fill gaps in the existing infrastructure.

Program activities include a 4-month planning phase of staff hiring and training, partner coordination and agreements, outreach design and program marketing; implementation of a multi-city performance tracking system for data collection, sharing, and reporting; service delivery to include participant enrollment and assessment, occupational skills training, credential attainment and job placement; follow up and evaluation to include post-placement tracking, data validation and sustainability planning.

At minimum, the grantee's **proposed outcomes** are: 78% employment rate 2nd quarter after exit; 73% employment rate 4th quarter after exit; \$5,250 median earnings 2nd quarter after exit; 82% credential attainment rate; 10% enrolled in a Registered Apprenticeship and a recidivism rate less than 37.1%, the average for the State of Mississippi.

Wisconsin Workforce Development Association (WWDA)

Stevens Point, WI

Award Amount:	\$5,083,691
Population(s) Served:	Youth (Ages 15-17) & Young Adults (Ages 18-24)
Participant Enrollment Goal:	695
Applicant Type:	Intermediary
Sub-Grantees (if applicable):	Employ Milwaukee Inc., Southwest Wisconsin Workforce Development Board (WDB), WOW WDB/Forward Careers, Fox Valley WDB, Advance Wisconsin Employment, Northwest WI Workforce Investment Board, West Central WI WDB, WDB of South Central WI
Target Area(s):	Forty-nine of Wisconsin's 72 counties.
Target Sector(s):	Advanced Manufacturing, Transportation, Shipbuilding, and Information Technology including AI and AI infrastructure buildout.

Project Summary: The BRIDGE-WI program serves youth and young adults, providing credentialed job training in high-demand industries and directly connecting participants with employment in those industries. Participants gain hands-on experience and industry-recognized certifications, improving their career readiness and employment outcomes. Through work development boards and several partners, WWDA administers the Wisconsin Department of Corrections Windows to Work (W2W) program that provides pre- and post-release services at 18 adult institutions and three county jails, creating a direct and established referral pipeline for 18-24-year-olds into RESTART services. When barriers to service arise in institutions with internet access, WWDA project staff will use virtual technology and email communications to provide pre-release services and training. For institutions Traditional mail and access to the on-site correctional services such as Job Centers may also be used to advance resume development, job readiness learning, support service referrals, and other pre-release services. Pre-recorded training, orientation, and instructional videos may be utilized, as applicable. The BRIDGE-WI program aims to reduce recidivism while fostering strong community partnerships with employers, faith-based organizations, and local governments. Program activities include a six-month planning period; an implementation period consisting of credentialed classroom and work-based training in high-demand industries; co-enrollment of participants into WIOA; job readiness education; needs assessments every six months; provision of supportive services; and placement into unsubsidized employment ending with a 12-month period of follow-up services.

The **proposed outcomes** are: 75% employment rate 2nd quarter after exit; 70% employment rate 4th quarter after exit; \$5,000 median earnings 2nd quarter after exit; 80% credential attainment rate; 10% enrolled in a Registered Apprenticeship; and less than 16.6% recidivism rate.

Adult Grant Recipients

Alabama Department of Workforce

Montgomery, AL

Award Amount:	\$3,999,999
Population(s) Served:	Adults (Ages 25+)
Participant Enrollment Goal:	550
Applicant Type:	State Government Agency
Sub-Grantees (if applicable):	N/A
Target Area(s):	Mobile & Baldwin Counties, AL
Target Sector(s):	Shipbuilding and Maritime Trades, Manufacturing

Project Summary: Through the Alabama RESTART Initiative, participants are eligible for participation through two parallel tracks (PREP Center and DRCs), each corresponding to an existing Alabama Bureau of Pardons and Paroles (ABPP) facility. The tracks operate simultaneously, and both converge on the same employment outcomes. The Pre-Release, Education, and Preparation (PREP) Track captures participants who are actively seeking education, while Day Reporting Centers (DRC) Track extends access to the larger community-supervised population. Participants in both tracks will receive opportunities for vocational credentialing and supportive services for development of soft skills and career enhancement.

Program activities include collaboration with the Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center, which partners with Alabama JobLink , ABPP, and the J.F. Ingram State Technical College to: conduct a comprehensive landscape analysis and ecosystem mapping during the planning phase of the project; conduct an intake assessment that includes WIOA eligibility screening and co-enrollment; deliver sector-connected services from enrollment to unsubsidized employment; provide support services and perform monthly check-ins; and monitor progress and outcomes.

The **proposed outcomes** are: 75% employment rate 2nd quarter after exit; 70% employment rate 4th quarter after exit; \$7,000 median earnings 2nd quarter after exit; 85% credential attainment rate; 10% enrolled in a Registered Apprenticeship; and less than 29% recidivism rate.

Delaware Department of Labor, Division of Employment & Training (DET)
Wilmington, DE

Award Amount:	\$2,499,999
Population(s) Served:	Adults (Ages 25+)
Participant Enrollment Goal:	333
Applicant Type:	State Government Agency
Sub-Grantees (if applicable):	N/A
Target Area(s):	Statewide (New Castle, Kent, Sussex Counties)
Target Sector(s):	Advanced Manufacturing Transportation, AI Infrastructure build-out

Project Summary: Delaware’s “RESTART Collaborative to Improve Successful Reentry Outcomes” compliments available services by adding contractual staff members and dedicated funding for On-The-Job training and youth reentrant intensive services, with the goal of expanding employment readiness, facilitating pre-release JobLink registration, and strengthening post-release workforce engagement. Through this collaborative, DET works closely with the Department of Corrections and the Department of Education Adult and Prison Ed to align training gain skills and knowledge using established pre apprenticeship programs to help currently incarcerated individuals transition into Registered Apprenticeship opportunities seamlessly upon release. Training programs include classroom training, pre apprenticeships, and Registered Apprenticeship Programs that result in industry recognized credentials. In addition, this training includes work-based and On-the-Job skills building that will prepare participants for in-demand jobs throughout Delaware. increases educational and workforce development opportunities for individuals transitioning from incarceration or under community supervision to open pathways that lead directly to sustainable, high-wage employment and placements in Registered Apprenticeships leading to employment in high demand occupations.

Program activities include Hiring and training staff to include a contractual project manager, a business service manager, and apprentice case managers; enroll participants and provide training and registered apprenticeship opportunities;

At minimum, the grantee’s **proposed outcomes** are: 75% employment rate 2nd quarter after exit; 70% employment rate 4th quarter after exit; \$7,000 median earnings 2nd quarter after exit; 85% credential attainment rate; 10% enrolled in a Registered Apprenticeship; and a recidivism rate of 54% compared to the State of Delaware’s rate of 60%.

Indiana Department of Workforce Development

Indianapolis, IN

Award Amount:	\$5,100,000
Population(s) Served:	Adults (Ages 25+)
Participant Enrollment Goal:	680
Applicant Type:	State Government Agency
Sub-Grantees (if applicable):	N/A
Target Area(s):	State of Indiana and its twelve Economic Growth Regions.
Target Sector(s):	Advanced Manufacturing, Construction, Transportation and Logistics

Project Summary: Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD) operates RESTART Indiana in a coordinated, statewide strategy that aligns the public workforce system, corrections, and employer partners to deliver employment-focused services for justice-involved adults across the re-entry continuum, including individuals requiring ongoing support to achieve stable employment. The project is designed to drive measurable outcomes aligned with WIOA performance indicators and RESTART goals through three integrated strategies: 1) early engagement and seamless transition to employment; 2) rapid employment through work-based learning and industry-aligned training; 3) retention-focused support and employer engagement.

Program activities include program planning and training of RESTART staff, participant recruitment and enrollment, training and employee placement, delivery of retention services progress tracking using evidence-based approaches to meet project expected outcomes; and ongoing evaluations and data analyses to inform continuous improvement.

The **proposed outcomes** are: 75% employment rate 2nd quarter after exit; 70% employment rate 4th quarter after exit; \$7,000 median earnings 2nd quarter after exit; 85% credential attainment rate; 10% enrolled in a Registered Apprenticeship; and less than a 36.5% recidivism rate.

Kansas Department of Commerce

Topeka, KS

Award Amount:	\$1,999,999
Population(s) Served:	Adults (Ages 25+)
Participant Enrollment Goal:	267
Applicant Type:	State Government Agency
Sub-Grantees (if applicable):	N/A
Target Area(s):	All 105 counties within the State of Kansas including urban areas of Wichita, Kansas City, and Topeka
Target Sector(s):	Advanced Manufacturing, Distribution, Logistics, and Transportation, Professional and Technical Services, including AI.

Project Summary: KANSASWORKS RESTART 25+ provides intensive case management to adult participants with limited work experience to fill educational attainment gaps and circumvent systemic employment barriers that hinder long-term economic stability. This will be achieved through collaboration with workforce boards, educational institutions, and community organizations with both existing and new partnerships. The program will provide coordinated case management and referral systems and expand service capacity for participants.

Program activities include participant enrollment in kansasworks.com, a web-based labor exchange system that provides a labor market information tool to job seekers and employers. RESTART 25+ employ Navigators to enroll, assess, train, and match participants with appropriate employment, educational, and supportive services. Foundational skills training is also provided through instruction, one-one-one coaching and computer-based workplace readiness assessment and training with Adult Education staff and KANSASWORKS RESTART 25+ Navigators.

The **proposed outcomes** are: 75% employment rate 2nd quarter after exit; 70% employment rate 4th quarter after exit; \$7,000 median earnings 2nd quarter after exit; 85% credential attainment rate; 10% enrolled in a Registered Apprenticeship; and less than 11% recidivism rate.

Louisiana Works

Baton Rouge, LA

Award Amount:	\$5,100,000
Population(s) Served:	Adults (Ages 25+)
Participant Enrollment Goal:	680
Applicant Type:	State Government Agency
Sub-Grantees (if applicable):	N/A
Target Area(s):	Five parishes: Orleans, East Baton Rouge, Caddo, Calcasieu, and Lafayette.
Target Sector(s):	Advanced Manufacturing, Transportation/logistics, IT including AI-enabled digital skills, Infrastructure, Construction, and skilled trades with strong employer demand in the targeted regions, with an emphasis on Maritime and Shipbuilding pathways.

Project Summary: RESTART Louisiana aims to break down the silos around each of the many individual entities working in employment reentry space and create a truly new, collaborative approach to efficiently and effectively support incarcerated and formerly incarcerated populations as they reestablish themselves in the workforce and their communities. With local and regional workforce and education partners, through RESTART, Louisiana Works will establish a full-service, integrated system that will permanently support a seamless, statewide education-to-employment pipeline.

Program activities include expansion and systematization of Louisiana's Untapped Talent work through formalization of partnerships via MOUs; reliance on established systems to recruit and enroll eligible participants assessment of individual participant needs; career and educational matching; and ongoing support and evaluation of progress.

The **proposed outcomes** are: 75% employment rate 2nd quarter after exit; 70% employment rate 4th quarter after exit; \$7,000 median earnings 2nd quarter after exit; 85% credential attainment rate; 15% enrolled in a Registered Apprenticeship; and less than a 26.9% recidivism rate, which is less than the states recidivism rate of 33.6%.

Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Opportunity

Okemos, MI

Award Amount:	\$5,100,000
Population(s) Served:	Adults (Ages 25+)
Participant Enrollment Goal:	680
Applicant Type:	State Government Agency
Sub-Grantees (if applicable):	N/A
Target Area(s):	All 83 MI Counties, Priority Counties: Saginaw; Wayne; Genesee; Isabella (Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe); Ingham; Kalamazoo; Kent; Berrien; Van Buren (Pokagon Band of Potawatomi); Oakland; Lake; Luce (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians); Alpena; and Houghton.
Target Sector(s):	Shipbuilding and Maritime Manufacturing (Priority Consideration); Advanced Manufacturing; Construction and Infrastructure; Information Technology (IT) and AI

Project Summary: Michigan Reentry Employment in Skilled Trades, Advanced Manufacturing, Registered Apprenticeships, and Training (MiRESTART) will complement existing services by filling the previously noted gaps in programming and will ensure that a comprehensive set of high-quality services are delivered by staff with expertise in serving this population across the state. MiRESTART will exceed the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) minimum requirements ensuring 25 percent of participants are enrolled into Registered Apprenticeships, with plans to further expand apprenticeship placement as opportunities grow.

Program activities include MiRESTART staffing, coordination, and planning; participant outreach and recruitment; development of Individual Development Plans and skills matching to learning and apprenticeship pathways; job placement and retention; coaching and monitoring to include at least 12 months of follow-up services to support job retention, advancement, and stability.

The **proposed outcomes** are: 75% employment rate 2nd quarter after exit; 70% employment rate 4th quarter after exit; \$7,000 median earnings 2nd quarter after exit; 85% credential attainment rate; 25% enrolled in a Registered Apprenticeship; and less than 20% recidivism rate.

Nebraska Department of Workforce Development

Lincoln, NE

Award Amount:	\$1,849,500
Population(s) Served:	Adults (Ages 25+)
Participant Enrollment Goal:	270
Applicant Type:	State Government Agency
Sub-Grantees (if applicable):	N/A
Target Area(s):	Douglas, Sarpy, Lancaster, York, & surrounding rural counties, NE
Target Sector(s):	Advanced Manufacturing, Information Technology including AI-related Infrastructure, Transportation and Warehousing, and Domestic Mineral Production

Project Summary: Nebraska’s vision for RESTART is not just a social service; it is a broader workforce strategy. This project is designed to build on Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (NDCS) foundation by expanding employer partnerships and increasing access to industry-recognized credentials, paid training, and wraparound support both pre- and post-release. This initiative formalizes a “no wrong door” statewide approach by unifying education, corrections, employers, and community partners, using and expanding credentialing pathways in a coordinated system. By directly addressing drivers of recidivism such as employment instability, supervision challenges, housing needs, and behavioral health barriers, Nebraska Department of Labor (NDOL) and NDCS strengthen the employment pathway during the critical transition from custody to community.

Program activities include implementation of a statewide “connector” model in which NDOL serves as the system integrator for reentry workforce services while partner agencies provide day-to-day participant support. NDOL will execute Memoranda of Understanding with NDCS and other partners, train partner case managers, perform intake and assessment, deliver foundational skills, place participants in education or workplace settings, and provide 12 months of retention coaching and recidivism tracking.

The **proposed outcomes** are: 75% employment rate 2nd quarter after exit; 70% employment rate 4th quarter after exit; \$7,000 median earnings 2nd quarter after exit; 85% credential attainment rate; a minimum of 25% enrolled in a Registered Apprenticeship; and recidivism rate less than the 25% rate for the state of Nebraska.

Oklahoma Employment Security Commission

Oklahoma City, OK

Award Amount:	\$5,099,989
Population(s) Served:	Adults (Ages 25+)
Participant Enrollment Goal:	680
Applicant Type:	State Government Agency
Sub-Grantees (if applicable):	N/A
Target Area(s):	Oklahoma & Tulsa Counties, OK
Target Sector(s):	Advanced Manufacturing, Transportation, Skilled Trades, Construction, Mineral Production

Project Summary: Oklahoma adult RESTART model, ProsperOK, is intentionally designed to align with America's Talent Strategy and Oklahoma's Workforce Transformation pillars to ensure systemwide impact and long-term sustainability. Oklahoma's pillars include the One System pillar that strengthens coordination across state agencies, workforce partners, and community-based organizations to deliver a seamless continuum of services from intake through employment and retention. Pillar. The Industry-Driven Pillar that outlines engagement strategies, training pathways and work-based learning opportunities will be used to ensure participants are prepared for high-growth, in-demand industries for re-entry success. The Results-Based & Data-Powered pillar that emphasizes data collection and tracking to measure outcomes and program performance will be used by ProsperOK partners who will collect participant-level data that will be maintained in Salesforce and updated during participation, recorded at exit, and tracked during the follow-up period.

Program activities include planning and start-up, recruitment and enrollment, employer engagement and industry alignment, program delivery (assessment, training, career development), work-based learning, placement into employment, and follow-up and support services.

The **proposed outcomes** are: 75% employment rate 2nd quarter after exit; 70% employment rate 4th quarter after exit; \$7,000 median earnings 2nd quarter after exit; 85% credential attainment rate; 10% enrolled in a Registered Apprenticeship; and less than 15% recidivism rate which is below the Oklahoma's recidivism rate of 22.6%

Rhode Island Department of Labor & Training
Cranston, RI

Award Amount:	\$4,499,999
Population(s) Served:	Adults (Ages 25+)
Participant Enrollment Goal:	600
Applicant Type:	State Government Agency
Sub-Grantees (if applicable):	N/A
Target Area(s):	Providence, Washington, Bristol, Newport, and Kent Counties, RI with a focus on the Urban Core.
Target Sector(s):	Commercial Construction (focus on A.I infrastructure buildout), Advanced Manufacturing, Trucking and Transportation, Information Technology

Project Summary: Rhode Island’s RESTART will offer a platform for coordination and collaboration among several small, existing reentry programs allowing them to function as a coordinated network. Rhode Island proposes to serve three distinct populations: currently incarcerated individuals approaching release (pre-release), individuals under community supervision through Rhode Island Probation and Parole (post-release) and those experiencing barriers to employment due to previous justice involvement and released post March 31, 2020.

Program activities include finalization of data sharing agreements among partner organization, hiring staff, establishment of participant tracking and data management protocols, development and piloting of recruitment materials, participant referral to program, coordinating a pre-release Life Skills and Work Readiness seminar, assignment of post-release Job Coaches, providing classroom-based and on-the-job occupational training, provision of support services and mentorship.

The **proposed outcomes** are: 75% employment rate 2nd quarter after exit; 72% employment rate 4th quarter after exit; \$8,000 median earnings 2nd quarter after exit; a minimum of 85% credential attainment rate; a minimum of 10% enrolled in a Registered Apprenticeship; and less than 49% recidivism rate.

State of Wyoming Department of Workforce Services (DWS)

Cheyenne, WY

Award Amount:	\$1,999,999
Population(s) Served:	Adults (Ages 25+)
Participant Enrollment Goal:	267
Applicant Type:	State Government Agency
Sub-Grantees (if applicable):	N/A
Target Area(s):	Entire State; Focus on Laramie, Natrona, Campbell, Sweetwater, and Uinta Counties
Target Sector(s):	AI Infrastructure Build-Out and Information Technology, Heavy Construction, Advanced Manufacturing, Domestic Mineral Production, Transportation and Logistics

Project Summary: The DWS will partner with the Wyoming Department of Corrections (WDOC), local jails, Adult Community Corrections (ACC) facilities, and second-chance employers to implement targeted outreach and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) screening of potential participants in its RESTART program. Their recruitment and enrollment process prioritizes high-impact service delivery through assessment-driven tools, pre-release digital, financial, and workplace literacy training via jail tablets in state facilities, aiming for at least 25 participants per facility to complete a minimum of 10 hours. Participants will be educated about the Federal Bonding Program to mitigate employer risk for those involved in the justice system. Wyoming's RESTART project provides an integrated framework and continuous service pipeline that ensures the project will successfully meet or exceed all targeted workforce reentry project.

Program activities include finalizing data sharing agreements and MOUs with partners; hiring personnel; installation and validation of data analysis software; participant recruitment, enrollment and assessment; workforce training; contract execution; provision of support services; and data collection and participant monitoring.

The **proposed outcomes** are: 75% employment rate 2nd quarter after exit; 70% employment rate 4th quarter after exit; \$7,000 median earnings 2nd quarter after exit; 85% credential attainment rate; 10% enrolled in a Registered Apprenticeship; and less than 33.8% recidivism rate.