

FY 2027

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET JUSTIFICATION

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION

Training and Employment Services

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TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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APPROPRIATION LANGUAGE

To establish and carry out the Make America Skilled Again Grant Program, \$3,425,067,000, of which \$1,653,067,000 shall be available for the period April 1, 2027 through June 30, 2028, and of which \$1,772,000,000 shall be available for the period October 1, 2027 through June 30, 2028: Provided, That funds made available under this heading shall be for grants to States, territories, tribes, and the District of Columbia for workforce development, training, and related activities: Provided further, That such funds shall be allotted in accordance with a formula established by the Secretary: Provided further, That of each allotment of funds, not less than ten percent shall be used for registered apprenticeship activities: Provided further, That the Secretary may reserve not more than 3 percent of this appropriation to carry out targeted investments for intermediary contracts and cooperative agreements, outreach and engagement, and technology modernization that support expanding registered apprenticeships to new industries and occupations across the country in support of Make America Skilled Again grants: Provided further, That the Secretary may reserve not more than 0.75 percent of this appropriation to carry out performance accountability, program integrity, and technical assistance activities in support of Make America Skilled Again grants. For carrying out, to the extent not otherwise provided, the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 ("Perkins Act"), \$1,450,000,000, of which \$659,000,000 shall become available on July 1, 2027, and shall remain available through September 30, 2028, and of which \$791,000,000 shall become available on October 1, 2027, and shall remain available through September 30, 2028: Provided, That up to \$10,152,000 shall be available for innovation and modernization grants under section 114(e) of the Perkins Act.

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ANALYSIS OF APPROPRIATION LANGUAGE

Language Provision

Explanation

To establish and carry out the Make America Skilled Again Grant Program, \$3,425,067,000, of which \$1,653,067,000 shall be available for the period April 1, 2027 through June 30, 2028, and of which \$1,772,000,000 shall be available for the period October 1, 2027 through June 30, 2028: Provided, That funds made available under this heading shall be for grants to States, territories, tribes, and the District of Columbia for workforce development, training, and related activities: Provided further, That such funds shall be allotted in accordance with a formula established by the Secretary:

This proviso would establish the MASA grant program to give States, Tribes, and localities the flexibility to respond to their workforce needs in a way that makes sense without having to apply for and manage multiple Federal programs.

Provided further, That of each allotment of funds, not less than ten percent shall be used for registered apprenticeship activities:

This proviso provides a base level of funding to support the highly effective Registered Apprenticeship training model.

Provided further, That the Secretary may reserve not more than 3 percent of this appropriation to carry out targeted investments for intermediary contracts and cooperative agreements, outreach and engagement, and technology modernization that support expanding registered apprenticeships to new industries and occupations across the country in support of Make America Skilled Again grants:

This proviso would create a 3 percent set-aside in the MASA appropriations language for targeted investments related to Registered Apprenticeship for industry initiatives, intermediary contracts, and cooperative agreements to reach and surpass 1 million active apprentices.

Provided further, That the Secretary may reserve not more than 0.75 percent of this appropriation to carry out performance accountability, program integrity, and technical assistance activities in support of Make America Skilled Again grants.

This proviso would create a 0.75 percent set-aside in the MASA appropriations language for performance accountability, program integrity, and technical assistance activities. The Department will use these funds to help States transition to the new program and its requirements, including incorporating Registered Apprenticeships into workforce programs; implementing information technology systems; and ensuring grantee and training provider performance management, performance reporting, and data management.

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For carrying out, to the extent not otherwise provided, the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 ("Perkins Act"), \$1,450,000,000, of which \$659,000,000 shall become available on July 1, 2027, and shall remain available through September 30, 2028, and of which \$791,000,000 shall become available on October 1, 2027, and shall remain available through September 30, 2028: Provided, That up to \$10,152,000 shall be available for innovation and modernization grants under section 114(e) of the Perkins Act.

This proviso appropriates funding for Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs authorized by the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 previously appropriated to the Department of Education to ETA and specifies the funding level for innovation and modernization grants under section 114(e) of the Perkins Act. With this proposal, the Budget better centralizes Federal workforce development investments under ETA, reducing regulatory and administrative burdens on States and enabling more resources to be directly invested in opportunities for American workers.

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AMOUNTS AVAILABLE FOR OBLIGATION

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2025 Enacted		FY 2026 Enacted		FY 2027 Request	
	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount
Budget Authority Before Committee	0	\$3,898,587	0	\$3,981,588	0	\$4,875,067
Unobligated Balances Brought Forward	0	\$627,024	0	\$625,228	0	\$0
Advance Appropriation: DWNR Rescission	0	-\$75,000	0	\$0	0	\$0
H-1B Fees	0	\$208,920	0	\$189,384	0	\$188,165
H-1B Rescission	0	-\$206,000	0	-\$206,000	0	\$0
Transfer	0	-\$3,000	0	\$0	0	\$0
Transfer: Program Evaluation	0	-\$10,572	0	\$0	0	\$0
Transfer: Program Integrity	0	-\$2,470	0	\$0	0	\$0
Total Budgetary Resources	0	\$4,437,489	0	\$4,590,200	0	\$5,063,232

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request	Net Change
Budget Authority			
General Funds	\$3,981,588	\$4,875,067	\$893,479
Total	\$3,981,588	\$4,875,067	\$893,479
Full Time Equivalent			
Total	0	0	0

Explanation of Change

	FY 2026 Enacted		Trust Funds		Federal Funds		FY 2027 Total	
	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount
Increases:								
A. Built-Ins:								
Other services from non-Federal sources	0	\$50,600	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Grants, subsidies, and contributions	0	\$3,930,988	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Built-Ins Subtotal	0	+\$3,981,588	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
B. Programs:								
Create MASA Grants Program			0	\$0	0	\$3,425,067	0	\$3,425,067
CTE State Grants			0	\$0	0	\$1,439,848	0	\$1,439,848
CTE National Programs			0	\$0	0	\$10,152	0	\$10,152
Programs Subtotal			0	\$0	0	+\$4,875,067	0	+\$4,875,067
Total Increase	0	+\$3,981,588	0	\$0	0	+\$4,875,067	0	+\$4,875,067
Decreases:								

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A. Built-Ins:							
Built-Ins Subtotal	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0
B. Programs:							
Eliminate Standalone Adult Formula Grants			0	\$0	0	-\$875,649	0
Eliminate Standalone Youth Formula Grants			0	\$0	0	-\$948,130	0
Eliminate Standalone DW Formula Grants			0	\$0	0	-\$1,095,553	0
Eliminate Standalone DWNR Grants			0	\$0	0	-\$300,859	0
Eliminate Standalone INA Grants			0	\$0	0	-\$62,500	0
Eliminate Standalone REO Grants			0	\$0	0	-\$110,000	0
Eliminate Standalone NFJP Grants			0	\$0	0	-\$97,396	0
Eliminate Standalone Apprenticeship Grants			0	\$0	0	-\$285,000	0
Eliminate Standalone WDQI Grants			0	\$0	0	-\$6,000	0
Eliminate Standalone YouthBuild Grants			0	\$0	0	-\$105,000	0
Eliminate Community Project Funding			0	\$0	0	-\$95,501	0
Eliminate Adult Education State Grants			0	\$0	0	\$0	0
Eliminate Adult Education National Leadership Activities			0	\$0	0	\$0	0
Programs Subtotal			0	\$0	0	-\$3,981,588	0
Total Decrease	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	-\$3,981,588	0
Total Change	0	+\$3,981,588	0	\$0	0	+\$893,479	0

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SUMMARY BUDGET AUTHORITY AND FTE BY ACTIVITY

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2025 Enacted		FY 2026 Enacted		FY 2027 Request		Diff. FY 2027 Request / FY 2026 Enacted	
	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount
Adult Training	0	\$885,649	0	\$875,649	0	\$0	0	-\$875,649
General Funds	0	\$885,649	0	\$875,649	0	\$0	0	-\$875,649
Youth Training	0	\$948,130	0	\$948,130	0	\$0	0	-\$948,130
General Funds	0	\$948,130	0	\$948,130	0	\$0	0	-\$948,130
Dislocated Worker Assistance	0	\$1,396,412	0	\$1,396,412	0	\$0	0	-\$1,396,412
General Funds	0	\$1,396,412	0	\$1,396,412	0	\$0	0	-\$1,396,412
Dislocated Worker Assistance Grants to States	0	\$1,095,553	0	\$1,095,553	0	\$0	0	-\$1,095,553
General Funds	0	\$1,095,553	0	\$1,095,553	0	\$0	0	-\$1,095,553
Dislocated Worker Assistance National Reserve	0	\$300,859	0	\$300,859	0	\$0	0	-\$300,859
General Funds	0	\$300,859	0	\$300,859	0	\$0	0	-\$300,859
Native American Programs	0	\$60,000	0	\$62,500	0	\$0	0	-\$62,500
General Funds	0	\$60,000	0	\$62,500	0	\$0	0	-\$62,500
Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Programs	0	\$97,396	0	\$97,396	0	\$0	0	-\$97,396
General Funds	0	\$97,396	0	\$97,396	0	\$0	0	-\$97,396
Make America Skilled Again	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$3,425,067	0	\$3,425,067
General Funds	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$3,425,067	0	\$3,425,067

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Career and Technical Education	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,450,000	0	\$1,450,000
General Funds	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,450,000	0	\$1,450,000
CTE State Grants	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,439,848	0	\$1,439,848
General Funds	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,439,848	0	\$1,439,848
CTE National Programs	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$10,152	0	\$10,152
General Funds	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$10,152	0	\$10,152
Adult Education	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
General Funds	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Adult Education State Grants	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
General Funds	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Adult Education National Leadership Activities	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
General Funds	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Reentry Employment Opportunities	0	\$115,000	0	\$110,000	0	\$0	0	-\$110,000
General Funds	0	\$115,000	0	\$110,000	0	\$0	0	-\$110,000
Apprenticeship Programs	0	\$285,000	0	\$285,000	0	\$0	0	-\$285,000
General Funds	0	\$285,000	0	\$285,000	0	\$0	0	-\$285,000
Workforce Data Quality Initiative	0	\$6,000	0	\$6,000	0	\$0	0	-\$6,000
General Funds	0	\$6,000	0	\$6,000	0	\$0	0	-\$6,000
YouthBuild Activities	0	\$105,000	0	\$105,000	0	\$0	0	-\$105,000
General Funds	0	\$105,000	0	\$105,000	0	\$0	0	-\$105,000
Community Project Funding	0	\$0	0	\$95,501	0	\$0	0	-\$95,501
General Funds	0	\$0	0	\$95,501	0	\$0	0	-\$95,501

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Total	0	\$3,898,587	0	\$3,981,588	0	\$4,875,067	0	\$893,479
General Funds	0	\$3,898,587	0	\$3,981,588	0	\$4,875,067	0	\$893,479

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BUDGET AUTHORITY BY OBJECT CLASS

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request	Diff. FY 2027 Request / FY 2026 Enacted
25.2 Other services from non-Federal sources	68,975	50,600	69,268	18,668
41.0 Grants, subsidies, and contributions	3,829,612	3,930,988	4,805,799	874,811
Total	3,898,587	3,981,588	4,875,067	893,479

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SIGNIFICANT ITEMS IN APPROPRIATION COMMITTEES' REPORTS

House Report 119-271 Excess Personal Property Directive:

The Committee directs DOL to include in the fiscal year 2027 congressional justification information the value and recipient of excess personal property provided to apprenticeship programs under section 112 of this Act.

Response:

There is a zero-dollar current value and no recipients of DOL excess personal property provided to apprenticeship programs under section 112 of this Act.

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AUTHORIZING STATUTES

Authorizing statutes for Employment and Training Administration programs can be found on the ETA website at <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/laws>.

Authorizing statutes for Career and Technical Education programs can be found on the Department of Education website at <https://cte.ed.gov/legislation/perkins-v>.

Authorizing statutes for Adult Education programs can be found at <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-34/subtitle-B/chapter-IV/part-463>.

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APPROPRIATION HISTORY

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Budget Estimates to Congress	Appropriations	FTE
2017	\$1,753,460	\$1,566,699	
2017 Advance for 2018	\$1,765,807	\$1,753,641	
2018	\$1,180,766	\$1,714,200	
2018 Advance for 2019	\$873,000	\$1,719,000	
2019	\$1,523,549	\$1,730,700	
2019 Advance for 2020	\$1,697,000	\$1,772,000	
2020	\$1,561,549	\$1,839,200	
2020 Advance for 2021	\$1,685,858	\$1,772,000	
2021	\$1,654,304	\$1,891,200	
2021 Advance for 2022	\$1,772,000	\$1,772,000	
2022	\$2,438,672	\$2,139,338	
2022 Advance for 2023	\$1,772,000	\$1,772,000	
2023	\$2,638,999	\$2,151,587	
2023 Advance for 2024	\$1,772,000	\$1,772,000	
2024	\$2,648,684	\$2,126,587	
2024 Advance for 2025	\$1,772,000	\$1,772,000	
2025	\$2,158,587	\$2,126,587	
2025 Advance for 2026	\$1,772,000	\$1,772,000	
2026	\$1,193,905	\$2,209,588	
2026 Advance for 2027	\$1,772,000	\$1,772,000	
2027	\$2,312,067		
2027 Advance for 2028	\$2,563,000		

MAKE AMERICA SKILLED AGAIN

BUDGET AUTHORITY BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request	Diff. FY 2027 Request / FY 2026 Enacted
Activity Appropriation	0	0	3,425,067	3,425,067
FTE	0	0	0	0

Introduction

Federal investments in skill development and career advancement are a patchwork of formula and competitive workforce programs, each with their own programmatic and performance requirements, which makes it challenging for States and localities to effectively respond to their workforce needs and support broader economic development. With the signing of EO 14278: Preparing Americans for High-Paying Skilled Trade Jobs of the Future, the President has begun the process of modernizing American workforce programs to support America’s reindustrialization. One key goal of the Executive Order is to identify opportunities to integrate systems and restructure program layout to achieve more efficient administration and improved outcomes. As a critical step toward that goal, the Budget consolidates 12 DOL workforce development programs into a single Make America Skilled Again (MASA) grant program. The Budget consolidates Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult; WIOA Dislocated Worker; WIOA Youth; Employment Service State Grants; Dislocated Worker Grants, Strengthening Community Colleges, and Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities; Apprenticeship Grants; YouthBuild; National Farmworker Jobs Program; Indian and Native American Programs; Reentry Employment Opportunities; Workforce Data Quality Initiative; and Community Projects. Many of the existing programs have mixed records of effectiveness, and others have never been formally evaluated.

The MASA grant program gives States, Tribes, and localities the flexibility to respond to evolving skill demands of industry and develop robust pathways into high-wage careers without having to apply for and manage multiple Federal programs. MASA grantees will be held accountable for the employment outcomes of the American workers they serve, which the Department will support by collecting employment and earnings outcome data for all MASA grants.

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Five-Year Budget Activity History

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Funding</u> (Dollars in Thousands)	<u>FTE</u>
2022	\$0	0
2023	\$0	0
2024	\$0	0
2025	\$0	0
2026	\$0	0

Funding Mechanism

The MASA grant program simplifies the structures through which workforce development services are delivered. The consolidated funding will be awarded to States, localities, Tribes, and outlying areas by formula. MASA grant recipients must spend at least 10 percent of their funds on Registered Apprenticeship activities to ensure a base level of support for this highly effective training model.

The Department will be able to spend up to 0.75 percent of MASA funds for technical assistance services to grantees, replacing the technical assistance and training funds currently provided through appropriations and authorizing legislation. The Department will use these funds to help States transition to the new program and its requirements, including incorporating Registered Apprenticeships into workforce programs; implementing information technology systems; and ensuring grantee and training provider performance management, performance reporting, program integrity, and data management. The Department will also be able to spend up to three percent of funds for targeted investments related to Registered Apprenticeship, including intermediary contracts and cooperative agreements, outreach and engagement, and technology modernization initiatives.

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The Budget provides \$3,425,067,000 for the MASA grant program, a decrease of \$1.232 billion compared to the aggregate FY 2026 Enacted funding level for the separate programs.

This new consolidation will cut the red tape stifling innovation and job growth, while expanding opportunities for American workers. MASA grants will allow grant recipients to spend less time and money complying with Federal requirements and instead focus on seeding effective approaches and improved outcomes. One such approach is Registered Apprenticeship. In EO 14278, President Trump set a goal to reach and surpass 1 million active apprentices in the United States. To help realize President Trump's goal, MASA grantees will be required to spend at least 10 percent of their funds on Registered Apprenticeship activities.

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Workload and Performance Narrative

MASA grantees will be held accountable for the employment outcomes of the American workers they serve, which the Department will support by collecting employment and earnings outcome data for all MASA grants. DOL will baseline these measures in FY 2027. In alignment with the goal set by the President in EO 14278 to reach and surpass 1 million active apprentices, the Department will also continue to measure and report the number of active apprentices. By September 30, 2027, DOL will oversee an apprenticeship system with 900,000 active apprentices.

MAKE AMERICA SKILLED AGAIN

BUDGET ACTIVITY BY OBJECT CLASS

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request	Diff. FY 2027 Request / FY 2026 Enacted
25.2 Other services from non-Federal sources	0	0	69,268	69,268
41.0 Grants, subsidies, and contributions	0	0	3,355,799	3,355,799
Total	0	0	3,425,067	3,425,067

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CHANGES IN FY 2027

(Dollars in Thousands)

Activity Changes

Built-Ins		
Built-Ins Subtotal	\$0	
Base	\$0	0
Program Increases	\$3,425,067	0
Net Program Subtotal	\$3,425,067	0
Total Activity Appropriation	\$3,425,067	0

	Amount	FTE
Base	\$0	0
Program Increases	\$3,425,067	0
Program Decreases	\$0	0

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION – STATE GRANTS

BUDGET AUTHORITY BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request	Diff. FY 2027 Request / FY 2026 Enacted
Activity Appropriation	0	0	1,439,848	1,439,848
FTE	0	0	0	0

Note: See the FY 2027 Career, Technical, and Adult Education ED request (<https://www.ed.gov/about/ed-overview/annual-performance-reports/budget/budget-requests>) for prior year funding information for this program.

Introduction

The Budget requests funding for the Career and Technical Education (CTE) State Grants program at ETA instead of the Department of Education (ED), positioning DOL as the lead agency overseeing work to prepare Americans for high-paying skilled jobs and build pipelines of skilled talent for employers in critical industries. DOL can now operate a seamless workforce development system that includes programs formerly housed at the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE) at the Department of Education (ED). This eases the administrative burden on States by reducing and aligning reporting requirements, enabling them to focus more on helping Americans go to work.

The CTE State Grants program is authorized by the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006, as amended (Perkins V). The program assists States and Outlying Areas in expanding and improving career and technical education at high schools, technical schools, and community colleges. Funds are allocated through a formula to States, including the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands; Pacific territories receive funding through a set-aside. Perkins V has two additional set asides from the total appropriation for State Grants for federally recognized Indian tribes and Tribal organizations and competitive grants to organizations that primarily serve and represent Native Hawaiians.¹

Administering CTE State Grants at ETA better centralizes Federal workforce development investments under ETA, thereby reducing regulatory and administrative burdens on States. This initiative builds on the success of the Workforce Development Partnership between ED and ETA that began in FY 2025 to integrate the Federal Government’s workforce development portfolio. The partnership quickly reduced duplication and increased efficiency by coordinating technical assistance, monitoring, and State planning, thereby demonstrating that DOL is best positioned to

¹ On December 2, 2025, the Office of Legal Counsel at the U.S. Department of Justice issued a memo to the acting general counsel at the Department of Education that concluded that the race-based eligibility criteria of the Native Hawaiian Career and Technical Education Program are unconstitutional and inseverable. DOL recognizes that Perkins V authorizes grants under these programs and that this program is authorized by Congress. In order to survive strict scrutiny under established Supreme Court precedent, these programs would need to serve a compelling interest and be narrowly tailored, or necessary, to achieve that interest. DOL invites Congress to assess whether these programs, in light of established Supreme Court precedent, can survive strict scrutiny.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION – STATE GRANTS

meet the needs of American students and workers. Administering programs funded under Perkins V at DOL will create a stronger talent pipeline for the Nation’s workforce, give States a central point of contact in the Federal government, and reduce duplication of effort and conflicting agency directives.

Five-Year Budget Activity History

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Funding</u> (Dollars in Thousands)	<u>FTE</u>
2022	\$0	0
2023	\$0	0
2024	\$0	0
2025	\$0	0
2026	\$0	0

Note: See the FY 2027 Career, Technical, and Adult Education ED request (<https://www.ed.gov/about/ed-overview/annual-performance-reports/budget/budget-requests>) for prior year funding information for this program.

Funding Mechanism

CTE State Grants is a forward-funded program that includes advance appropriations. State grants assist States and Outlying Areas in expanding and improving career and technical education in high schools, technical schools, and community colleges. Each State uses program funds to support a variety of career and technical education programs developed in accordance with its State plan.

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The FY 2027 Budget provides \$1,439,848,000 for CTE State Grants at ETA, including \$791,000,000 in FY 2028 advances. To further improve efficiency in workforce development programs and effectively prepare students and workers to succeed, the Budget requests that funds be appropriated to ETA, and not ED, for CTE programs authorized under Perkins V. The FY 2027 Budget advances *America’s Talent Strategy* by aligning education and workforce needs and seeks to reprioritize CTE State Grants exclusively for districts to support middle and high school students. The request also supports refocusing young Americans on career preparation to allow youth to be exposed to technical careers and consider the full range of careers and needed skills for gainful employment.

Workload and Performance Narrative

See the FY 2027 Career, Technical, and Adult Education ED request (<https://www.ed.gov/about/ed-overview/annual-performance-reports/budget/budget-requests>) for previous performance measures and more information. The Budget shifts full responsibility to DOL for performance in 2027 and builds on the measures specified in section 113 of Perkins V to enable long-term analysis.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION – STATE GRANTS

BUDGET ACTIVITY BY OBJECT CLASS

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request	Diff. FY 2027 Request / FY 2026 Enacted
41.0 Grants, subsidies, and contributions	0	0	1,439,848	1,439,848
Total	0	0	1,439,848	1,439,848

Note: See the FY 2027 Career, Technical, and Adult Education ED request (<https://www.ed.gov/about/ed-overview/annual-performance-reports/budget/budget-requests>) for prior year funding information for this program.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION – STATE GRANTS

CHANGES IN FY 2027

(Dollars in Thousands)

Activity Changes

Built-Ins		
Built-Ins Subtotal	\$0	
Base	\$0	0
Program Increases	\$1,439,848	0
Net Program Subtotal	\$1,439,848	0
Total Activity Appropriation	\$1,439,848	0

	Amount	FTE
Base	\$0	0
Program Increases	\$1,439,848	0
Program Decreases	\$0	0

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION – NATIONAL PROGRAMS

BUDGET AUTHORITY BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request	Diff. FY 2027 Request / FY 2026 Enacted
Activity Appropriation	0	0	10,152	10,152
FTE	0	0	0	0

Note: See the FY 2027 Career, Technical, and Adult Education ED request (<https://www.ed.gov/about/ed-overview/annual-performance-reports/budget/budget-requests>) for prior year funding information for this program.

Introduction

The Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006, as amended (Perkins V), includes an authority for National Programs to support research, development, dissemination, evaluation, assessment, capacity building, and technical assistance to improve the quality and effectiveness of CTE programs. The Budget requests for the Chief Evaluation Office to collect performance information, assess the effectiveness, and carry out research and evaluation activities of CTE programs. Perkins V authorizes Innovation and Modernization grants within CTE National Programs to identify, support, and rigorously evaluate evidence-based and innovative strategies to improve and modernize CTE programs.

Operating programs out of ETA better centralizes the oversight of Federal workforce development investments, thereby reducing regulatory and administrative burdens on States and enabling more resources to be directly invested in opportunities for American workers. This initiative builds on the success of the Workforce Development Partnership between ED and ETA that began in FY 2025 to integrate the Federal Government’s workforce development portfolio. The partnership quickly reduced duplication and increased efficiency by coordinating technical assistance, monitoring, and State planning, thereby demonstrating that DOL is best positioned to meet the needs of American students and workers. Operating programs funded under Perkins V at DOL creates a stronger talent pipeline for the Nation’s workforce, gives States a central point of contract in the Federal government, and reduces duplication of effort and conflicting agency directives.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION – NATIONAL PROGRAMS

Five-Year Budget Activity History

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Funding</u> (Dollars in Thousands)	<u>FTE</u>
2022	\$0	0
2023	\$0	0
2024	\$0	0
2025	\$0	0
2026	\$0	0

Note: See the FY 2027 Career, Technical, and Adult Education ED request (<https://www.ed.gov/about/ed-overview/annual-performance-reports/budget/budget-requests>) for prior year funding information for this program.

Funding Mechanism

This is a forward-funded program. Funds become available for obligation from July 1 of the fiscal year in which they are appropriated and remain available through September 30 of the following year.

FY 2027

The Budget provides \$10,152,000 for CTE National Programs at ETA and overrides the funding limitation for Innovation and Modernization grants under section 114(e) of the Perkins Act. Funds would support Perkins Innovation and Modernization grants to streamline the education to workforce pipeline consistent with *America’s Talent Strategy* and Executive Order 14278, “Preparing Americans for High-Paying Skilled Trade Jobs of the Future.”

Workload and Performance Narrative

See the FY 2027 Career, Technical, and Adult Education ED request (<https://www.ed.gov/about/ed-overview/annual-performance-reports/budget/budget-requests>) for previous performance measures and more information. The Budget shifts full responsibility to DOL for performance in 2027 and builds on the measures specified in section 113 of Perkins V to enable long-term analysis.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION – NATIONAL PROGRAMS

BUDGET ACTIVITY BY OBJECT CLASS

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request	Diff. FY 2027 Request / FY 2026 Enacted
41.0 Grants, subsidies, and contributions	0	0	10,152	10,152
Total	0	0	10,152	10,152

Note: See the FY 2027 Career, Technical, and Adult Education ED request (<https://www.ed.gov/about/ed-overview/annual-performance-reports/budget/budget-requests>) for prior year funding information for this program.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION – NATIONAL PROGRAMS

CHANGES IN FY 2027

(Dollars in Thousands)

Activity Changes

Built-Ins		
Built-Ins Subtotal	\$0	
Base	\$0	0
Program Increases	\$10,152	0
Net Program Subtotal	\$10,152	0
Total Activity Appropriation	\$10,152	0

	Amount	FTE
Base	\$0	0
Program Increases	\$10,152	0
Program Decreases	\$0	0

ADULT BASIC AND LITERACY EDUCATION STATE GRANTS

BUDGET AUTHORITY BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request	Diff. FY 2027 Request / FY 2026 Enacted
Activity Appropriation	0	0	0	0
FTE	0	0	0	0

Note: See the FY 2027 Career, Technical, and Adult Education ED request (<https://www.ed.gov/about/ed-overview/annual-performance-reports/budget/budget-requests>) for prior year funding information for this program.

Introduction

Adult Education Basic and Literacy Education State Grants, authorized by the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA), support programs that (1) help adults become literate, obtain the knowledge and skills necessary for employment and self-sufficiency, obtain a secondary school diploma, and transition to postsecondary education and training; and (2) assist immigrants and other individuals who are English language learners. In total, 88 percent of funds appropriated for AEFLA State grants are allocated to Adult Education Basic State Grants and the remaining 12 percent is allocated to Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education State Grants. A State may use up to 12.5 percent of its grant for State leadership activities and an additional five percent or \$85,000, whichever is greater, for State administration.

Five-Year Budget Activity History

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Funding</u> (Dollars in Thousands)	<u>FTE</u>
2022	\$0	0
2023	\$0	0
2024	\$0	0
2025	\$0	0
2026	\$0	0

Note: See the FY 2027 Career, Technical, and Adult Education ED request (<https://www.ed.gov/about/ed-overview/annual-performance-reports/budget/budget-requests>) for prior year funding information for this program.

Funding Mechanism

This is a forward-funded program. Funds become available for obligation from July 1 of the fiscal year in which they are appropriated and remain available through September 30 of the following year.

ADULT BASIC AND LITERACY EDUCATION STATE GRANTS

FY 2027

The Administration does not request funding for the Adult Education State Grants program for fiscal year 2027. Elimination of this program is consistent with Executive Order 14278's commitment to eliminating ineffective workforce development programs and Executive Order 14242, "Improving Education Outcomes by Empowering Parents, States, and Communities."

States and localities, not the Federal government, are best suited to determine whether to support the activities authorized under this program or similar activities within their own budgets and without unnecessary administrative burden imposed by the Federal government. The President's Budget redirects resources to programs that more directly prepare students for meaningful careers, such as Career and Technical Education State Grants.

Workload and Performance Narrative

See the FY 2027 Career, Technical, and Adult Education ED request (<https://www.ed.gov/about/ed-overview/annual-performance-reports/budget/budget-requests>) for previous performance measures and more information.

ADULT BASIC AND LITERACY EDUCATION STATE GRANTS

BUDGET ACTIVITY BY OBJECT CLASS

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request	Diff. FY 2027 Request / FY 2026 Enacted
Total	0	0	0	0

Note: See the FY 2027 Career, Technical, and Adult Education ED request (<https://www.ed.gov/about/ed-overview/annual-performance-reports/budget/budget-requests>) for prior year funding information for this program.

ADULT BASIC AND LITERACY EDUCATION STATE GRANTS

CHANGES IN FY 2027

(Dollars in Thousands)

Activity Changes

Built-Ins		
Built-Ins Subtotal	\$0	
Base	\$0	0
Net Program Subtotal	\$0	0
Total Activity Appropriation	\$0	0

	Amount	FTE
Base	\$0	0
Program Increases	\$0	0
Program Decreases	\$0	0

ADULT EDUCATION NATIONAL LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

BUDGET AUTHORITY BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request	Diff. FY 2027 Request / FY 2026 Enacted
Activity Appropriation	0	0	0	0
FTE	0	0	0	0

Note: See the FY 2027 Career, Technical, and Adult Education ED request (<https://www.ed.gov/about/ed-overview/annual-performance-reports/budget/budget-requests>) for prior year funding information for this program.

Introduction

Adult Education National Leadership Activities is authorized by the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act and addresses policy priorities in adult education, including program accountability and improvement, professional development, and increasing access to learning opportunities for adults. Funds support applied research, development, dissemination, evaluation, and program improvement activities to assist States in their efforts to improve the quality of adult education programs. Certain national leadership activities are required, including assistance to States in meeting the requirements of the performance accountability provisions in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, assistance to local providers of adult education services upon request from one or more States, and carrying out research on effective adult education and literacy services.

Five-Year Budget Activity History

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Funding</u> (Dollars in Thousands)	<u>FTE</u>
2022	\$0	0
2023	\$0	0
2024	\$0	0
2025	\$0	0
2026	\$0	0

Note: See the FY 2027 Career, Technical, and Adult Education ED request (<https://www.ed.gov/about/ed-overview/annual-performance-reports/budget/budget-requests>) for prior year funding information for this program.

Funding Mechanism

This is a forward-funded program. Funds become available for obligation from July 1 of the fiscal year in which they are appropriated and remain available through September 30 of the following year.

ADULT EDUCATION NATIONAL LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

FY 2027

The Administration does not request funding for Adult Education National Leadership Activities for fiscal year 2027. Elimination of this program is consistent with Executive Order 14278's commitment to eliminate ineffective workforce development programs and Executive Order 14242, "Improving Education Outcomes by Empowering Parents, States, and Communities."

States and localities, not the Federal government, are best suited to determine whether to support the activities authorized under this program or similar activities within their own budgets and without unnecessary administrative burden imposed by the Federal government. The President's Budget redirects resources to programs that more directly prepare students for meaningful careers, such as Career and Technical Education State Grants.

Workload and Performance Narrative

See the FY 2027 Career, Technical, and Adult Education ED (<https://www.ed.gov/about/ed-overview/annual-performance-reports/budget/budget-requests>) request for previous performance measures and more information.

ADULT EDUCATION NATIONAL LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

BUDGET ACTIVITY BY OBJECT CLASS

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request	Diff. FY 2027 Request / FY 2026 Enacted
Total	0	0	0	0

Note: See the FY 2027 Career, Technical, and Adult Education ED request (<https://www.ed.gov/about/ed-overview/annual-performance-reports/budget/budget-requests>) for prior year funding information for this program.

ADULT EDUCATION NATIONAL LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

CHANGES IN FY 2027

(Dollars in Thousands)

Activity Changes		
Built-Ins		
Built-Ins Subtotal	\$0	
Base	\$0	0
Net Program Subtotal	\$0	0
Total Activity Appropriation	\$0	0

	Amount	FTE
Base	\$0	0
Program Increases	\$0	0
Program Decreases	\$0	0

ADULT EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES

BUDGET AUTHORITY BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request	Diff. FY 2027 Request / FY 2026 Enacted
Activity Appropriation	885,649	875,649	0	-875,649
FTE	0	0	0	0

Introduction

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult program under current law is intended to help adults aged 18 and older to gain new skills and find jobs in in-demand industries and sectors. WIOA requires local areas to provide priority of service in the provision of training and certain intensive career services to recipients of public assistance, individuals who are “basic skills deficient,” and low-income individuals, to help them enter or re-enter the workforce and gain a pathway to economic stability. It also provides priority of service for employment and training services to veterans and eligible spouses.

The FY 2027 Budget proposes eliminating the WIOA Adult program and replacing it with the Make America Skilled Again (MASA) grant program. MASA will consolidate multiple standalone programs into a single program that can serve a range of job seekers, including adults with employment barriers.

Five-Year Budget Activity History

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Funding</u> (Dollars in Thousands)	<u>FTE</u>
2022	\$870,649	0
2023	\$885,649	0
2024	\$885,649	0
2025	\$885,649	0
2026	\$875,649	0

Funding Mechanism

Under current law, the Adult program operates on a program year (PY) basis. Funds appropriated in FY 2026 are available from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027 (PY 2026). The Department allocates funding to States based on a statutory formula as described in section 132(b) of WIOA. The States, after reserving up to 15 percent of those funds for State-wide activities, allocate the remainder to local workforce areas based on a formula distribution as described in section 133(b) of WIOA.

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FY 2027

The 2027 Budget eliminates the WIOA Adult program as a stand-alone budget request and proposes to consolidate the program within the Make America Skilled Again grant program.

FY 2026

The Department was appropriated \$875,649,000 in FY 2026. Based on the PY 2024 cost per participant data for the Adult program (\$3,540.33 per participant in PY 2024), these funds will serve an estimated 247,335 adults. In FY 2026, the Department will implement *America's Talent Strategy*, review and render decisions on WIOA State Plan modifications, provide flexibility to States through waivers, and issue program guidance highlighting innovative practices including integration with Perkins CTE. In addition, the Department will assist states and local areas improve and expand connections to Registered Apprenticeship opportunities.

FY 2025

The Department was appropriated \$885,649,000 in FY 2025. FY 2025 funding is available for PY 2025 (July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026). Based on the PY 2024 cost per participant data for the Adult program (\$3,540.33 per participant in PY 2024), these funds will serve an estimated 250,160 adults. The appropriation maintains the Governor's Reserve of 15 percent, which allows states to provide services, conduct statewide projects, ensure financial and programmatic oversight of the local workforce system, and plan workforce programs. In FY 2025, the Department provided flexibility to States through program guidance encouraging waiver requests that align with the Trump Administration's five strategic pillars for workforce investment and highlighting innovative practices including integration with Perkins CTE.

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WORKLOAD AND PERFORMANCE SUMMARY							
		PY 2024 Revised Enacted		PY 2025 Enacted		PY 2026 Enacted	PY 2027 Request
		Target	Result	Target	Result	Target	Target
Adult Employment and Training Activities							
ETA-WIOA Adult-01	Employment Rate – 2nd Quarter After Exit (WIOA Adult)	73.80%	72.2%	74.00%	--	74.20%	--
ETA-WIOA Adult-02	Employment Rate – 4th Quarter After Exit (WIOA Adult)	71.60%	72.3%	71.80%	--	72.00%	--
ETA-WIOA Adult-03	Median Earnings – 2nd Quarter After Exit (WIOA Adult)	\$8,407	\$8,752	\$8,575	--	\$8,747	--
ETA-WIOA Adult-04	Credential Attainment Rate (WIOA Adult)	72.10%	73.6%	72.30%	--	72.50%	--
ETA-WIOA Adult-05	Measurable Skill Gains (WIOA Adult)	69.40%	74.8%	69.60%	--	69.80%	--

Legend: (r) Revised (e) Estimate (base) Baseline -- Not Applicable TBD - To Be Determined [p] - Projection

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Workload and Performance Narrative

Under current law, States report to the Department on: 1) employment in the second quarter after exit; 2) employment in the fourth quarter after exit; 3) median earnings of those employed in the second quarter after exit; 4) credential attainment; 5) measurable skill gains; and 6) effectiveness in serving employers (shared measure across programs). The results of these measures demonstrate the effectiveness of the Adult program investments in helping address the employment and skill needs of workers, job seekers, and employers.

All Adult Employment and Training Activities targets were met in PY 2024 with the exception of the Employment Rate – Second Quarter After Exit target. The Department will continue to support program improvement through analyzing the effectiveness of the services provided to participants, improving program efficiency, providing increased flexibility to states and local areas in order to maximize innovation in the workforce system, and promoting promising practices such as: industry-driven strategies, including Registered Apprenticeship; improving worker mobility; and integrating workforce and education systems. The Department hopes that these strategies lead to improved program performance to ensure targets are met in PY 2025.

Since the Budget proposes to consolidate this program into MASA, no FY 2027 targets are set.

ADULT EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES

BUDGET ACTIVITY BY OBJECT CLASS

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request	Diff. FY 2027 Request / FY 2026 Enacted
41.0 Grants, subsidies, and contributions	885,649	875,649	0	-875,649
Total	885,649	875,649	0	-875,649

ADULT EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES

CHANGES IN FY 2027

(Dollars in Thousands)

Activity Changes

Built-Ins		
Built-Ins Subtotal	\$0	
Base	\$875,649	0
Program Decreases	-\$875,649	0
Net Program Subtotal	-\$875,649	0
Total Activity Appropriation	\$0	0

	Amount	FTE
Base	\$875,649	0
Program Increases	\$0	0
Program Decreases	-\$875,649	0

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BUDGET AUTHORITY BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request	Diff. FY 2027 Request / FY 2026 Enacted
Activity Appropriation	948,130	948,130	0	-948,130
FTE	0	0	0	0

Introduction

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth program under current law is intended to help out-of-school youth and low-income in-school youth with barriers to employment by providing services that prepare them for employment and post-secondary education. WIOA authorizes services to 14–21 year-old low-income in-school youth and 16-24 year-old out-of-school youth who have barriers to employment. Youth Activities funds are allotted by formula to States that, after reserving up to 15 percent for State-wide activities, allocate funds to local areas to deliver an array of youth workforce investment activities. WIOA requires that not less than 75 percent of funds be used to serve out-of-school youth.

The FY 2027 Budget proposes eliminating the WIOA Youth program and replacing it with the Make America Skilled Again (MASA) grant program. MASA will consolidate multiple standalone programs into a single program that can serve a range of job seekers, including disadvantaged youth.

Five-Year Budget Activity History

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Funding</u> (Dollars in Thousands)	<u>FTE</u>
2022	\$933,130	0
2023	\$948,130	0
2024	\$948,130	0
2025	\$948,130	0
2026	\$948,130	0

Funding Mechanism

Under current law, the WIOA Youth programs operate on a program year basis. Funds appropriated in FY 2026 are available from April 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. Under section 127(b) of WIOA, formula funds are provided to States for the operation of WIOA Youth programs based on a statutory formula. After States reserve up to 15 percent for State-wide

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activities, the remainder is allocated to local areas based on a formula distribution as described in section 128(b) of WIOA.

FY 2027

The 2027 Budget eliminates the WIOA Youth program as a stand-alone budget request and proposes to consolidate the program within the Make America Skilled Again grant program.

FY 2026

The Department was appropriated \$948,130,000. Based on the most recent cost per participant data of \$7,801 (from PY 2024), these funds will serve an estimated 121,539 eligible in-school and out-of-school youth. In FY 2026, the Department will implement *America's Talent Strategy*, review and render decisions on WIOA State Plan modifications, provide flexibility to States through waivers, and issue program guidance highlighting innovative practices including integration with Perkins CTE. In addition, the Department will assist States and local areas improve and expand connections to pre-apprenticeship and Registered Apprenticeship opportunities.

FY 2025

The Department was appropriated \$948,130,000. PY 2025 funds were allotted by formula to states and localities to provide WIOA youth services. Based on the most recent cost per participant data of \$7,801 (from PY 2024), these funds will serve an estimated 121,539 eligible in-school and out-of-school youth. The appropriation maintains the Governor's Reserve of 15 percent, which allows states to provide services, conduct statewide projects, ensure financial and programmatic oversight of the local workforce system, and plan workforce programs. In FY 2025, the Department provided flexibility to States through program guidance encouraging waiver requests that align with the Trump Administration's five strategic pillars for workforce investment and highlighting innovative practices, including integration with Perkins CTE and the use of program funds to provide individual training accounts and pre-apprenticeship opportunities for in-school youth.

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WORKLOAD AND PERFORMANCE SUMMARY							
		PY 2024 Revised Enacted		PY 2025 Enacted		PY 2026 Enacted	PY 2027 Request
		Target	Result	Target	Result	Target	Target
Youth Activities							
ETA-WIOA Youth-01	Education and Employment Rate – 2nd Quarter After Exit (WIOA Youth)	71.00%	72.00%	71.20%	--	71.40%	--
ETA-WIOA Youth-02	Education and Employment Rate – 4th Quarter After Exit (WIOA Youth)	72.50%	71.60%	72.70%	--	72.90%	--
ETA-WIOA Youth-03	Median Earnings – 2nd Quarter After Exit (WIOA Youth)	\$4,679	\$5,040	\$4,906	--	\$5,004	--
ETA-WIOA Youth-04	Credential Attainment (WIOA Youth)	60.20%	62.10%	60.40%	--	60.60%	--
ETA-WIOA Youth-05	Measurable Skill Gains (WIOA Youth)	61.80%	67.70%	64.80%	--	65.00%	--

Legend: (r) Revised (e) Estimate (base) Baseline -- Not Applicable TBD - To Be Determined [p] - Projection

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Workload and Performance Narrative

Under current law, States report to the Department on: 1) education and employment in the second quarter after exit; 2) education and employment in the fourth quarter after exit; 3) median earnings of those employed in the second quarter after exit; 4) credential attainment; 5) measurable skill gains; and 6) effectiveness in serving employers (shared measure across programs). The results of these measures demonstrate the effectiveness of the Youth program investments in helping address the employment and skill needs of workers, job seekers, and employers.

All Youth Employment and Training Activities targets were met in PY 2024 with the exception of the Education and Employment Rate – Fourth Quarter After Exit target. The Department will continue to support program improvement through analyzing the effectiveness of the services provided to participants, improving program efficiency, providing increased flexibility to states and local areas in order to maximize innovation in the workforce system, and promoting promising practices such as: industry-driven strategies, including Registered Apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeships; improving worker mobility; and integrating workforce and education systems. The Department hopes that these strategies lead to improved program performance to ensure targets are met in PY 2025.

Since the Budget proposes to consolidate this program into MASA, no FY 2027 targets are set.

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BUDGET ACTIVITY BY OBJECT CLASS

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request	Diff. FY 2027 Request / FY 2026 Enacted
41.0 Grants, subsidies, and contributions	948,130	948,130	0	-948,130
Total	948,130	948,130	0	-948,130

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CHANGES IN FY 2027

(Dollars in Thousands)

Activity Changes		
Built-Ins		
Built-Ins Subtotal	\$0	
Base	\$948,130	0
Program Decreases	-\$948,130	0
Net Program Subtotal	-\$948,130	0
Total Activity Appropriation	\$0	0
	Amount	FTE
Base	\$948,130	0
Program Increases	\$0	0
Program Decreases	-\$948,130	0

DISLOCATED WORKER EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES

BUDGET AUTHORITY BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request	Diff. FY 2027 Request / FY 2026 Enacted
Activity Appropriation	1,396,412	1,396,412	0	-1,396,412
FTE	0	0	0	0

Introduction

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Dislocated Worker (DW) formula program under current law is intended to help workers get back to work following job loss. When an individual loses their job due to mass layoffs, global trade dynamics, or transitions in economic sectors, the DW program provides services to assist them in re-entering the workforce. The DW program also provides employment and workforce development services to transitioning military service members, as well as military spouses having difficulty finding employment. States may reserve up to 25 percent of DW formula funding for Rapid Response services. Rapid Response teams respond to layoffs and plant closings by coordinating services and providing immediate aid to companies and their affected workers, including customized services on-site at an affected company. Rapid Response is carried out by States and local workforce development agencies in partnership with local American Job Centers.

A portion of the funding for dislocated worker employment and training activities is maintained under current law in a Dislocated Worker National Reserve to provide, through National Dislocated Worker Grants (DWGs), employment services and other assistance to workers laid off due to emergencies and major disasters, mass layoffs of at least 50 workers, or circumstances where at least 50 individuals relocate from a disaster area. Other portions of the funding under current law include funds for outlying areas to operate their employment and workforce development programs for youth, adults, and dislocated workers; demonstration projects; and funds for technical assistance for grantees in the workforce system to serve dislocated workers and to implement WIOA provisions including reporting systems.

The FY 2027 Budget proposes eliminating the WIOA DW formula program and the DW National Reserve and replacing it with the Make America Skilled Again (MASA) grant program. MASA will consolidate multiple standalone programs into a single program that can serve a range of job seekers, including dislocated workers.

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Five-Year Budget Activity History

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Funding</u> (Dollars in Thousands)	<u>FTE</u>
2022	\$1,375,412	0
2023	\$1,421,412	0
2024	\$1,396,412	0
2025	\$1,396,412	0
2026	\$1,396,412	0

Funding Mechanism

The DW program operates on a PY basis. Funds appropriated in FY 2026 are available from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027 (PY 2026). The Department allots funding to States based on a statutory formula as described in section 132(b)(2) of WIOA. The States, after reserving up to 15 percent of those funds for State-wide activities and up to 25 percent of those funds for Rapid Response services, allocate the remaining funds to local workforce areas based on a formula distribution as described in section 133(b) of WIOA.

Funds appropriated for the Dislocated Worker National Reserve receive an additional three months of availability, through September 30, 2027.

FY 2027

The 2027 Budget eliminates the WIOA Dislocated Worker program as a stand-alone budget request and proposes to consolidate the grants within the Make America Skilled Again grant program.

FY 2026

The Department was appropriated \$1,396,412,000 in FY 2026. Based on the PY 2024 cost per participant data for the Dislocated Worker program (\$7,463.13 per participant in PY 2024), these funds will serve an estimated 187,108 eligible individuals who have lost their jobs. In FY 2026, the Department will implement *America's Talent Strategy*, review and render decisions on WIOA State Plan modifications, provide flexibility to States through waivers, and issue program guidance highlighting innovative practices including integration with Perkins CTE. In addition, the Department will assist states and local areas improve and expand connections to Registered Apprenticeship opportunities. The National Reserve includes a set-aside to serve workers in the Appalachian, Lower Mississippi Delta, and Northern Border regions, and a set-aside for the Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grants program.

The Department continues to deliver technical assistance for WIOA programs as part of its grants management and program management for all major grant programs, and as required by

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Section 168 of WIOA. In FY 2026, this technical assistance includes alignment and integration of workforce and education programs, including aligning Perkins and WIOA programs to meet local skill needs, ensuring training providers meet employment outcomes as required by both WIOA and the One Big Beautiful Bill Act which establishes Workforce Pell, advancing connections to Registered Apprenticeships, and implementing other features of *America's Talent Strategy*. The Department continues to build and maintain the robust performance tracking systems and infrastructure necessary for performance reporting across WIOA formula and competitive grant programs, and for analyzing participant data to determine the program's effectiveness. The Dislocated Worker Technical Assistance and Training (DWTAT) reserve provides funding for activities such as the data infrastructure that underpins the State Wage Interchange System, which allows sharing of employment information for performance reporting among states for all WIOA core programs. The DWTAT reserve also supports the extensive WIOA performance reporting system, which allows common performance reporting across all WIOA formula and competitive grantees.

FY 2025

The Department was appropriated \$1,396,412,000 in FY 2025. FY 2025 funding is available for PY 2025 (July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026). Based on the PY 2024 cost per participant data for the Dislocated Worker program (\$7,463.13 per participant in PY 2024), these funds will serve an estimated 187,108 eligible individuals who have lost their jobs. The appropriation maintains the Governor's Reserve of 15 percent, which allows states to provide services, conduct statewide projects, ensure financial and programmatic oversight of the local workforce system, and plan workforce programs. In FY 2025, the Department provided flexibility to States through program guidance encouraging waiver requests that align with the Trump Administration's five strategic pillars for workforce investment and highlighting innovative practices, including the use of supportive services to address benefit cliffs following a dislocated worker's return to employment. Of amounts appropriated for the National Reserve, which are available through September 30, 2026, the Department provides assistance to workers and communities impacted by mass layoffs and areas affected by disasters. The National Reserve includes a set-aside to serve workers in the Appalachian, Mississippi Delta, and Northern Border regions and a set-aside for the Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grants program.

The Department continues to deliver technical assistance for WIOA programs as part of its grants management and program management for all major grant programs, and as required by Section 168 of WIOA. In FY 2025, this technical assistance includes promoting industry-driven work-based learning, advancing cross-program integration, and measuring training effectiveness. The Department continues to build and maintain the robust performance tracking systems and infrastructure necessary for performance reporting across WIOA formula and competitive grant programs, and for analyzing participant data to determine the program's effectiveness. The Dislocated Worker Technical Assistance and Training (DWTAT) reserve provides funding for activities such as the data infrastructure that underpins the State Wage Interchange System, which allows sharing of employment information for performance reporting among states for all WIOA core programs. The DWTAT reserve also supports the extensive WIOA performance

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reporting system, which allows common performance reporting across all WIOA formula and competitive grantees.

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WORKLOAD AND PERFORMANCE SUMMARY							
		PY 2024 Revised Enacted		PY 2025 Enacted		PY 2026 Enacted	PY 2027 Request
		Target	Result	Target	Result	Target	Target
Dislocated Workers Employment and Training Activities							
ETA-WIOA DW-01	Employment Rate – 2nd Quarter After Exit (WIOA Dislocated Worker)	71.40%	68.90%	71.60%	--	71.80%	--
ETA-WIOA DW-02	Employment Rate – 4th Quarter After Exit (WIOA Dislocated Worker)	71.90%	70.50%	72.10%	--	72.30%	--
ETA-WIOA DW-03	Median Earnings – 2nd Quarter After Exit (WIOA Dislocated Worker)	\$9,147	\$9,900	\$9,329	--	\$9,516	--
ETA-WIOA DW-04	Credential Attainment Rate (WIOA Dislocated Worker)	71.20%	74.90%	71.40%	--	71.60%	--
ETA-WIOA DW-05	Measurable Skill Gains (WIOA Dislocated Worker)	66.60%	73.90%	66.80%	--	67.00%	--
ETA-WIOA NDWG-01	Employment Rate – 2nd Quarter After Exit (WIOA National Dislocated Worker Grants)	74.50%	70.80%	74.70%	--	74.90%	--
ETA-WIOA NDWG-02	Employment Rate – 4th Quarter After Exit (WIOA National Dislocated Worker Grants)	73.30%	71.20%	73.50%	--	73.70%	--
ETA-WIOA NDWG-03	Median Earnings – 2nd Quarter After Exit (WIOA National Dislocated Worker Grants)	\$9,518	\$9,355	\$9,708	--	\$9,902	--
ETA-WIOA NDWG-04	Credential Attainment Rate (WIOA National Dislocated Worker Grants)	70.30%	64.40%	70.50%	--	70.70%	--
ETA-WIOA NDWG-05	Measurable Skill Gains (WIOA National Dislocated Worker Grants)	65.80%	73.80%	66.00%	--	66.20%	--

Legend: (r) Revised (e) Estimate (base) Baseline -- Not Applicable TBD - To Be Determined [p] - Projection

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Workload and Performance Narrative

Under current law, States report to the Department on: 1) employment in the second quarter after exit; 2) employment in the fourth quarter after exit; 3) median earnings of those employed in the second quarter after exit; 4) credential attainment; 5) measurable skill gains; and 6) effectiveness in serving employers (shared measure across programs). The results of these measures demonstrate the effectiveness of the Dislocated Worker program investments in helping address the employment and skill needs of workers, job seekers, and employers.

All Dislocated Worker Employment and Training Activities targets were met in PY 2024 with the exception of the Employment Rate – Second Quarter and Fourth Quarter After Exit targets. In addition, targets for National Dislocated Worker Grants were not met for Employment Rate Second and Fourth Quarters after Exit, Median Earnings, and Credential Rate. The Department will continue to support program improvement through analyzing the effectiveness of the services provided to participants, improving program efficiency, providing increased flexibility to states and local areas in order to maximize innovation in the workforce system, and promoting promising practices such as: industry-driven strategies, including Registered Apprenticeship; improving worker mobility; and integrating workforce and education systems. The Department hopes that these strategies lead to improved program performance to ensure targets are met in PY 2025.

Since the Budget proposes to consolidate this program into MASA, no FY 2027 targets are set.

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BUDGET ACTIVITY BY OBJECT CLASS

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request	Diff. FY 2027 Request / FY 2026 Enacted
25.2 Other services from non-Federal sources	5,483	4,000	0	-4,000
41.0 Grants, subsidies, and contributions	1,390,929	1,392,412	0	-1,392,412
Total	1,396,412	1,396,412	0	-1,396,412

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CHANGES IN FY 2027

(Dollars in Thousands)

Activity Changes

Built-Ins		
Built-Ins Subtotal	\$0	
Base	\$1,396,412	0
Program Decreases	-\$1,396,412	0
Net Program Subtotal	-\$1,396,412	0
Total Activity Appropriation	\$0	0

	Amount	FTE
Base	\$1,396,412	0
Program Increases	\$0	0
Program Decreases	-\$1,396,412	0

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BUDGET AUTHORITY BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request	Diff. FY 2027 Request / FY 2026 Enacted
Activity Appropriation	60,000	62,500	0	-62,500
FTE	0	0	0	0

Introduction

The Indian and Native American (INA) programs provide training and employment services specifically targeted to Indians and Native Americans. The INA programs are federal employment and job training programs that provide funding specifically to serve the unique needs of American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians who reside both on and off reservations, including those who are living in urban areas who often face cultural challenges in transitioning from remote reservation areas to densely populated urban areas. American Indians and Alaska Natives living on remote reservations often lack access to services provided by American Job Centers as these centers are often located many miles away from the reservation in areas that may also face a lack of transportation.

Under current law, INA programs provide services to adults and youth through a network of 163 tribes and INA organizations. As required under WIOA, the Department consults with the Department's Native American Employment and Training Council as it plans grant funding opportunities, including strategies and activities to be undertaken by grantees, performance accountability and reporting, and technical assistance.

The INA programs emphasize training in jobs that are in high demand in the local economy as well as high demand jobs available outside the local community for individuals who are willing to relocate to obtain employment. Under current law, the Department also awards supplemental youth funding to help low-income American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian youth, between the ages of 14 and 24, acquire the educational and occupational skills needed to achieve academic and employment success and transition to jobs.

The FY 2027 Budget proposes eliminating the INA programs and replacing them with the Make America Skilled Again (MASA) grant program. MASA will consolidate multiple standalone programs into a single program to Tribes and States that can serve a range of job seekers, including Indians and Native Americans.

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Five-Year Budget Activity History

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Funding</u> (Dollars in Thousands)	<u>FTE</u>
2022	\$57,000	0
2023	\$60,000	0
2024	\$60,000	0
2025	\$60,000	0
2026	\$62,500	0

Funding Mechanism

Under current law, the INA programs operate on a program year (PY) basis. Funds appropriated in FY 2026 are available from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027 (PY 2026). In addition to direct appropriations, a set-aside of 1.5 percent of the WIOA Youth appropriation is used to operate INA supplemental youth service program grants. The Department competes INA grants every four years as required under WIOA Sec. 166. The Department transfers a portion of appropriated funds to the Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) under the Indian Employment, Training, and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992 (P.L. 102-477), amended in 2017, which allows Federally recognized tribes to consolidate certain Federal funding under an approved plan for comprehensive services.

FY 2027

The 2027 Budget eliminates the Indian and Native American Programs as a stand-alone budget request and proposes to consolidate the program within the Make America Skilled Again (MASA) grant program.

FY 2026

The Department was appropriated \$62,500,000 in FY 2026 for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 (PY 2026). Based on the most recent cost per participant data of \$5,910 (from PY 2024), these funds will serve an estimated 10,575 eligible American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian individuals. In FY 2026, the Department will compete the INA grants as required under WIOA Sec. 166.

FY 2025

The Department was appropriated \$60,000,000 in FY 2025 for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 (PY 2025). At this funding level, the program will serve approximately 13,542 unemployed and under-skilled American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian adults in

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Indian and Native American Program grants administered by the Department of Labor.² Additional participants are served through programs administered by BIA through funds transferred from this appropriation. To help grantees implement these programs, the Department is using one percent of the appropriation for technical assistance. These technical assistance activities are based on the training needs of the INA grantees as determined through oversight activities conducted by the Department, and in consultation with the Native American Employment and Training Council. The Department routinely provides technical assistance to grantees on financial and performance reporting requirements and on the use of the case management system. The Department also supports grantees seeking to consolidate their funding in a single agreement with BIA under P.L. 102-477 as amended in 2017.

² Participants served is based on FY 2025 allocations (\$60,000,000) after subtractions for technical assistance of \$600,000 and grantee funds transfers to the Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs of \$14,845,738 and an average cost per participant of \$4,174.

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WORKLOAD AND PERFORMANCE SUMMARY							
		PY 2024 Revised Enacted		PY 2025 Enacted		PY 2026 Enacted	PY 2027 Request
		Target	Result	Target	Result	Target	Target
Indian and Native American Programs							
ETA-WIOA INA Adult-01	Employment Rate – 2nd Quarter After Exit (WIOA Indian and Native American Program - Adult)	70.00%	61.40%	70.20%	--	70.40%	--
ETA-WIOA INA Adult-02	Employment Rate – 4th Quarter After Exit (WIOA Indian and Native American Program - Adult)	69.60%	62.90%	69.80%	--	70.00%	--
ETA-WIOA INA Adult-03	Median Earning – 2nd Quarter After Exit (WIOA Indian and Native American Program - Adult)	\$6,017	\$6,539	\$6,137	--	\$6,260	--
ETA-WIOA INA Adult-04	Credential Attainment Rate (WIOA Indian and Native American Program - Adult)	50.00%	41.00%	50.20%	--	50.40%	--
ETA-WIOA INA Adult-05	Measurable Skill Gains (WIOA Indian and Native American Program - Adult)	40.90%	43.30%	41.10%	--	41.30%	--

Legend: (r) Revised (e) Estimate (base) Baseline -- Not Applicable TBD - To Be Determined [p] - Projection

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Workload and Performance Narrative

Under current law, the INA program uses six key indicators: 1) employment in the second quarter after exit; 2) employment in the fourth quarter after exit; 3) median earnings of those employed in the second quarter after exit; 4) credential attainment; 5) measurable skill gains; and 6) effectiveness in serving employers (shared measure across programs). The results of these measures demonstrate the effectiveness of the INA program investments in helping address the employment and skill needs of workers, job seekers, and employers.

All Indian and Native American program targets were met in PY 2024 with the exception of the Employment Rate – Second and Fourth Quarters After Exit and credential attainment rate targets. The Department will continue to support program improvement through analyzing the effectiveness of the services provided to participants, improving program efficiency, providing increased flexibility to Tribes similar to those for states and local areas in order to maximize innovation in the workforce system, and promoting promising practices such as: industry-driven strategies, including Registered Apprenticeship; improving worker mobility; and integrating workforce and education systems. The Department hopes that these strategies lead to improved program performance to ensure targets are met in PY 2025.

Since the Budget proposes to consolidate this program into MASA, no FY 2027 targets are set.

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BUDGET ACTIVITY BY OBJECT CLASS

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request	Diff. FY 2027 Request / FY 2026 Enacted
25.2 Other services from non-Federal sources	922	600	0	-600
41.0 Grants, subsidies, and contributions	59,078	61,900	0	-61,900
Total	60,000	62,500	0	-62,500

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CHANGES IN FY 2027

(Dollars in Thousands)

Activity Changes

Built-Ins		
Built-Ins Subtotal	\$0	
Base	\$62,500	0
Program Decreases	-\$62,500	0
Net Program Subtotal	-\$62,500	0
Total Activity Appropriation	\$0	0

	Amount	FTE
Base	\$62,500	0
Program Increases	\$0	0
Program Decreases	-\$62,500	0

MIGRANT AND SEASONAL FARMWORKERS

BUDGET AUTHORITY BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request	Diff. FY 2027 Request / FY 2026 Enacted
Activity Appropriation	97,396	97,396	0	-97,396
FTE	0	0	0	0

Introduction

The National Farmworker Jobs Program (NFJP) provides grants to local community-based organizations and public agencies that assist migrant and seasonal farmworkers (MSFWs), and their dependents, attain greater economic mobility. The program helps farmworkers acquire the skills that they need to obtain, retain, and advance in agricultural jobs or start new careers. Under current law, NFJP serves eligible MSFWs who are low-income and primarily underemployed in agricultural or fish farming labor, and their dependents. Services include career services, training services (i.e., occupational skills and job training), youth services, housing services (temporary or permanent housing), and related assistance services (i.e. English language and literacy instruction), designed to assist eligible MSFWs retain or stabilize their agricultural employment.

The FY 2027 Budget proposes eliminating NFJP and replacing it with the Make America Skilled Again (MASA) grant program. MASA will consolidate multiple standalone programs into a single program that can serve a range of job seekers, including MSFWs.

Five-Year Budget Activity History

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Funding</u> (Dollars in Thousands)	<u>FTE</u>
2022	\$95,396	0
2023	\$97,396	0
2024	\$97,396	0
2025	\$97,396	0
2026	\$97,396	0

Funding Mechanism

Under current law, NFJP operates on a Program Year (PY) basis. Funds appropriated in FY 2026 are available for obligation from April 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027 (PY 2026). WIOA requires a grants competition every four years to select the organizations that will operate NFJP grants. In non-competition program years, grant recipients submit an annual program plan for the coming year.

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In distributing funds, ETA calculates allotments for career services and training grantees through an administrative formula. The formula estimates the number of eligible farmworkers in each State by using data from the U.S. Census, the Agricultural Census, the National Agricultural Workers Survey, and the Farm Labor Survey. With the exception of Alaska and the District of Columbia, the Department solicits career services and training grant applications for all States and Puerto Rico, to serve the eligible migrant and seasonal farmworker population. NFJP housing grant funds are allocated based on awarded proposals received through the grant competition process.

FY 2027

The FY 2027 Budget eliminates NFJP as a stand-alone budget request and proposes to consolidate it within the Make America Skilled Again grant program.

FY 2026

Congress appropriated \$90,064,000 for Career Services and Training grants and \$6,586,000 for Housing Services grants in FY 2026 for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 (PY 2026). At this funding level, the program will serve approximately 9,263 adult and youth participants through Career Services and Training grants and serve approximately 2,350 eligible MSFW individuals and families through Housing Services grants (based on PY 2024 cost per participant).

FY 2025

Congress appropriated \$90,064,000 for Career Services and Training grants and \$6,586,000 for Housing Services grants in FY 2025 for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 (PY 2025). At this funding level, the program will serve approximately 9,263 adult and youth participants through Career Services and Training grants and serve approximately 2,350 eligible MSFW individuals and families through Housing Services grants (based on PY 2024 cost per participant).

The Department also continued to develop the Grantee Performance Management System for NFJP. The Department anticipates that grantees will begin to use GPMS in PY 2025. GPMS will serve as the primary mechanism for grantees to enter, track, and submit the participant data. This new GPMS system will help grantees to more effectively manage participant cases, program processes, and performance data.

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WORKLOAD AND PERFORMANCE SUMMARY							
		PY 2024 Revised Enacted		PY 2025 Enacted		PY 2026 Enacted	PY 2027 Request
		Target	Result	Target	Result	Target	Target
Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers							
ETA-WIOA NFJP Adult-01	Employment Rate – 2nd Quarter After Exit (WIOA National Farmworker Jobs Program - Adult)	72.50%	88.50%	72.70%	--	72.90%	--
ETA-WIOA NFJP Adult-02	Employment Rate – 4th Quarter After Exit (WIOA National Farmworker Jobs Program - Adult)	71.70%	87.10%	71.90%	--	72.10%	--
ETA-WIOA NFJP Adult-03	Median Earning – 2nd Quarter After Exit (WIOA National Farmworker Jobs Program - Adult)	\$5,389	\$9,155	\$5,389	--	\$5,497	--
ETA-WIOA NFJP Youth-01	Education and Employment Rate – 2nd Quarter After Exit (WIOA National Farmworker Jobs Program - Youth)	70.50%	89.20%	70.50%	--	70.70%	--
ETA-WIOA NFJP Youth-02	Education and Employment Rate – 4th Quarter After Exit (WIOA National Farmworker Jobs Program - Youth)	69.00%	90.10%	69.00%	--	69.20%	--
ETA-WIOA NFJP Youth-03	Median Earning – 2nd Quarter After Exit (WIOA National Farmworkers Jobs Program - Youth)	\$5,389	\$8,383	\$5,389	--	\$5,497	--
ETA-WIOA NFJP Youth-04	Credential Attainment (WIOA National Farmworker Jobs Program - Youth)	53.60%	64.50%	53.60%	--	53.80%	--

Legend: (r) Revised (e) Estimate (base) Baseline -- Not Applicable TBD - To Be Determined [p] - Projection

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Workload and Performance Narrative

Under current law, grantees report six primary indicators of performance: 1) employment in the second quarter after exit for adults, and employment, education, and training in the second quarter after exit for youth; 2) employment in the fourth quarter after exit for adults, and employment, education, and training in the fourth quarter after exit for youth; 3) median earnings of those employed in the second quarter after exit; 4) credential attainment; 5) measurable skill gains; and 6) effectiveness in serving employers (shared measure across programs). The results of these measures demonstrate the effectiveness of the NFJP investments in helping address the employment and skill needs of workers, job seekers, and employers.

All Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker program targets were met in PY 2024. The Department will continue to support program improvement through analyzing the effectiveness of the services provided to various subpopulations, improving program efficiency, providing increased flexibility to states and local areas in order to maximize innovation in the workforce system, and promoting promising practices such as: industry-driven strategies, including Registered Apprenticeship; improving worker mobility; and integrating workforce and education systems. The Department hopes that these strategies lead to improved program performance to ensure targets are again met in PY 2025.

Since the Budget proposes to consolidate this program into MASA, no FY 2027 targets are set.

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BUDGET ACTIVITY BY OBJECT CLASS

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request	Diff. FY 2027 Request / FY 2026 Enacted
25.2 Other services from non-Federal sources	671	1,000	0	-1,000
41.0 Grants, subsidies, and contributions	96,725	96,396	0	-96,396
Total	97,396	97,396	0	-97,396

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CHANGES IN FY 2027

(Dollars in Thousands)

Activity Changes

Built-Ins		
Built-Ins Subtotal	\$0	
Base	\$97,396	0
Program Decreases	-\$97,396	0
Net Program Subtotal	-\$97,396	0
Total Activity Appropriation	\$0	0

	Amount	FTE
Base	\$97,396	0
Program Increases	\$0	0
Program Decreases	-\$97,396	0

REENTRY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

BUDGET AUTHORITY BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request	Diff. FY 2027 Request / FY 2026 Enacted
Activity Appropriation	115,000	110,000	0	-110,000
FTE	0	0	0	0

Introduction

The Reentry Employment Opportunities (REO) program is intended to connect offenders with occupational skills training and apprenticeships leading to industry-recognized credentials and employment that offers competitive wages and opportunities for advancement. It also seeks to reduce recidivism. Congress has previously appropriated funds for REO grants under the evaluations and research authority in WIOA Section 169. WIOA defines “offenders” as adults or juveniles who have been subject to any stage of the criminal justice process, and for whom services under WIOA may be beneficial, or people who require assistance in overcoming artificial barriers to employment resulting from a record of arrest or conviction. To support job placement, the Department also maintains the Federal Bonding Program, which provides fidelity insurance to employers that hire persons with criminal records, as well as other at-risk job candidates.

The FY 2027 Budget proposes eliminating the REO program and replacing it with the Make America Skilled Again (MASA) grant program. MASA will consolidate multiple standalone programs into a single program that can serve a range of job seekers, including offenders.

Five-Year Budget Activity History

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Funding</u> (Dollars in Thousands)	<u>FTE</u>
2022	\$102,079	0
2023	\$115,000	0
2024	\$115,000	0
2025	\$115,000	0
2026	\$110,000	0

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Funding Mechanism

Under current law, REO operates on a program year (PY) basis. Funds appropriated for REO are available from April 1 through June 30 of the next year and are awarded through a competitive solicitation process. Grants serving youth and adult offenders may be awarded to various types of organizations, including State and local government agencies, non-profit organizations, national and regional intermediaries, and Indian and Native American entities eligible for grants under WIOA Section 166.

FY 2027

The 2027 Budget eliminates the Reentry Employment Opportunities program as a stand-alone budget request and proposes to consolidate the grants within the Make America Skilled Again grant program.

FY 2026

Congress appropriated \$110,000,000 for the period of April 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 (PY 2026). Per appropriations, at least \$30,000,000 of the funds will be awarded to national or regional intermediary organizations that serve young adults, with priority given to projects serving high-crime, high-poverty areas. PY 2026 funds will support a grant competition to support state-led projects, tribal-led projects, and intermediary-led projects that integrate with the public workforce development system to sustain and expand training and employment services for participants and employers, in alignment with *America's Talent Strategy*. The Department will continue to administer the Partnership for Reentry Opportunities in Workforce Development (PROWD) grants to states that provide workforce development services to Federal prisoners pre- and post-release. In addition, the Department will continue to support grantee technical assistance and performance needs through the use of the Grantee Performance Management System (GPMS). The above services ensure ETA can manage the REO program to support the *America's Talent Strategy* priority of increasing worker mobility and bringing more workers into the labor force, including sidelined Americans such as those who are formerly incarcerated.

FY 2025

Congress appropriated \$115,000,000 for the period of April 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 (PY 2025) to serve persons sentenced under the adult criminal justice system and juveniles and young adults involved or at risk of involvement in the justice system. This funding is supporting approximately 10,464 adult participants in PY 2025 at a cost per participant of \$7,645 and approximately 4,000 young adult participants at a cost per participant of \$7,500. PY 2025 funds will support the grant competition, Reentry Employment in Skilled Trades, Advanced Manufacturing, Registered Apprenticeships, and Training (RESTART), which will support state-led projects, tribal-led projects, and intermediary-led projects that integrate with the public workforce development system to sustain and expand training and employment services for participants and employers, in alignment with *America's Talent Strategy*. To advance First Step Act implementation, the Department continues to administer the PROWD initiative through grants to states in which grantees provide workforce development services to people in Federal

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Bureau of Prisons custody prior to release and continue services through transition into the community. In FY 2025, the Department continued to build the evidence base for offender services through evaluations of previously awarded Pathway Home grants. The Department also continued to use the Grantee Performance Management System for grantee case management and performance reporting and provided technical assistance to grantees to help them improve their performance.

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WORKLOAD AND PERFORMANCE SUMMARY							
		PY 2024 Revised Enacted		PY 2025 Enacted		PY 2026 Enacted	PY 2027 Request
		Target	Result	Target	Result	Target	Target
Reentry Employment Opportunities							
ETA-WIOA REO Adult-01	Employment Rate – 2nd Quarter After Exit (WIOA ReEntry Employment Opportunities - Adult)	55.00%	46.30%	55.20%	--	55.40%	--
ETA-WIOA REO Adult-02	Employment Rate – Fourth Quarter After Exit (WIOA ReEntry Employment Opportunities - Adult)	48.00%	41.90%	48.20%	--	48.40%	--
ETA-WIOA REO Adult-03	Median Earning – 2nd Quarter After Exit (WIOA ReEntry Employment Opportunities - Adult)	\$5,500	\$6,674	\$5,610	--	\$5,722	--
ETA-WIOA REO Adult-04	Credential Attainment (WIOA ReEntry Employment Opportunities - Adult)	88.00%	72.20%	88.20%	--	88.40%	--
ETA-WIOA REO Adult-05	Measurable Skill Gains (WIOA ReEntry Employment Opportunities - Adult)	65.00%	82.90%	65.20%	--	65.40%	--
ETA-WIOA REO Youth- 01	Education and Employment Rate – 2nd Quarter After Exit (WIOA ReEntry Employment Opportunities - Youth)	62.40%	63.10%	62.60%	--	62.80%	--
ETA-WIOA REO Youth- 02	Education and Employment Rate – Fourth Quarter After Exit (WIOA ReEntry Employment Opportunities - Youth)	60.00%	64.20%	60.20%	--	60.40%	--
ETA-WIOA REO Youth- 03	Median Earning – 2nd Quarter After Exit (WIOA ReEntry Employment Opportunities - Youth)	\$3,429	\$4,556	\$3,498	--	\$3,568	--
ETA-WIOA REO Youth- 04	Credential Attainment (WIOA ReEntry Employment Opportunity - Youth)	69.60%	79.50%	69.60%	--	69.80%	--

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WORKLOAD AND PERFORMANCE SUMMARY							
		PY 2024 Revised Enacted		PY 2025 Enacted		PY 2026 Enacted	PY 2027 Request
		Target	Result	Target	Result	Target	Target
ETA-WIOA REO Youth- 05	Measurable Skill Gains (WIOA ReEntry Employment Opportunities - Youth)	66.40%	67.70%	66.40%	--	66.60%	--

Legend: (r) Revised (e) Estimate (base) Baseline -- Not Applicable TBD - To Be Determined [p] - Projection

REENTRY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Workload and Performance Narrative

Currently, grantees report to the Department on: 1) employment in the second quarter after exit; 2) employment in the fourth quarter after exit; 3) median earnings of those employed in the second quarter after exit; 4) credential attainment; 5) measurable skill gains; and 6) effectiveness in serving employers (shared measure across programs). ETA also measures recidivism among participants in the REO program. The results of these measures demonstrate the effectiveness of the REO program investments in helping address the employment and skill needs of workers, job seekers, and employers.

All Reentry Employment Opportunities program targets were met in PY 2024 with the exception of the Adult Employment Rate – Second and Fourth Quarters After Exit and Adult credential attainment rate targets. The Department will continue to support program improvement through analyzing the effectiveness of the services provided to various subpopulations, improving program efficiency, providing increased flexibility to states and local areas in order to maximize innovation in the workforce system, and promoting promising practices such as: industry-driven strategies, including Registered Apprenticeship; improving worker mobility; and integrating workforce and education systems. The Department hopes that these strategies lead to improved program performance to ensure targets are met in PY 2025.

Since the Budget proposes to consolidate this program into MASA, no FY 2027 targets are set.

REENTRY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

BUDGET ACTIVITY BY OBJECT CLASS

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request	Diff. FY 2027 Request / FY 2026 Enacted
25.2 Other services from non-Federal sources	6,624	5,000	0	-5,000
41.0 Grants, subsidies, and contributions	108,376	105,000	0	-105,000
Total	115,000	110,000	0	-110,000

REENTRY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

CHANGES IN FY 2027

(Dollars in Thousands)

Activity Changes

Built-Ins		
Built-Ins Subtotal	\$0	
Base	\$110,000	0
Program Decreases	-\$110,000	0
Net Program Subtotal	-\$110,000	0
Total Activity Appropriation	\$0	0

	Amount	FTE
Base	\$110,000	0
Program Increases	\$0	0
Program Decreases	-\$110,000	0

APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

BUDGET AUTHORITY BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request	Diff. FY 2027 Request / FY 2026 Enacted
Activity Appropriation	285,000	285,000	0	-285,000
FTE	0	0	0	0

Introduction

The Employment and Training Administration’s Office of Apprenticeship (OA) is responsible for implementing the National Apprenticeship Act (50 Stat. 664; 29 U.S.C. 50). In support of the National Apprenticeship Act, OA utilizes the Training and Employment Services (TES) budget to invest in the expansion and modernization of the National Apprenticeship system. In April 2025, the President issued several Executive Orders related to expanding Registered Apprenticeship – [Preparing Americans for High-Paying Skilled Trades jobs of the Future](https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/04/preparing-americans-for-high-paying-skilled-trade-jobs-of-the-future/)³, [Advancing Artificial Intelligence Education for American Youth](https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/04/advancing-artificial-intelligence-education-for-american-youth/)⁴, and [Restoring America’s Maritime Dominance](https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/04/restoring-americas-maritime-dominance/)⁵ – including setting a goal to reach and surpass 1 million active apprentices.

Registered Apprenticeship is a proven strategy to develop the nation’s workforce that has been validated by the U.S. Department of Labor or a State Apprenticeship Agency. Registered Apprenticeship programs are industry-driven, earn-and-learn programs through which employers can develop and prepare their future workforce, and individuals can obtain paid work experience, classroom instruction, progressive wage increases, and a transferable, nationally recognized credential. Those credentials in turn lead to a long-term, well-paying career. Registered Apprenticeship is a key strategy to develop the nation’s workforce in areas including advanced manufacturing, shipbuilding and defense industrial base, information technology, artificial intelligence, nuclear energy, financial services, transportation, healthcare, and the skilled trades.

The FY 2027 Budget proposes eliminating standalone apprenticeship funding and replacing them with the Make America Skilled Again (MASA) grant program. MASA will consolidate multiple standalone programs into a single program that can serve a range of job seekers. Among the MASA grant program’s essential requirements, MASA grantees must spend at least 10 percent of their funds on Registered Apprenticeship activities to ensure a base level of support for this highly effective training model. In addition, up to three percent of funds will be set aside for

³ <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/04/preparing-americans-for-high-paying-skilled-trade-jobs-of-the-future/>

⁴ <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/04/advancing-artificial-intelligence-education-for-american-youth/>

⁵ <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/04/restoring-americas-maritime-dominance/>

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targeted Federal investments related to Registered Apprenticeship, including intermediary contracts and cooperative agreements, outreach and engagement, and technology modernization initiatives.

Five-Year Budget Activity History

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Funding</u> (Dollars in Thousands)	<u>FTE</u>
2022	\$235,000	0
2023	\$285,000	0
2024	\$285,000	0
2025	\$285,000	0
2026	\$285,000	0

Funding Mechanism

FY 2026 apprenticeship funds will be available from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. The Department will carry out activities through grants, cooperative agreements, contracts, and other arrangements.

FY 2027

The 2027 Budget eliminates the Apprenticeship program as a stand-alone budget request and proposes to consolidate it within the Make America Skilled Again grant program. As part of this consolidation, the Department proposes requiring MASA grantees to spend at least 10 percent of their funds on apprenticeship activities. In addition, up to three percent of funds will be set aside for targeted Federal investments related to Registered Apprenticeship, including intermediary contracts and cooperative agreements, outreach and engagement, and technology modernization initiatives.

FY 2026

Congress appropriated \$285,000,000 for the period of April 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 (PY 2026). In FY 2026, the Department will build on FY 2025 investments and continue to prioritize a series of coordinated strategies to support implementation of *America's Talent Strategy*, including achievement of the President's goal to reach and surpass 1 million active apprentices. To meet this goal, OA will prioritize the country's reindustrialization needs through quality Registered Apprenticeship programs that equip American apprentices with the skills they need to fulfill growing demand, especially in specific, targeted industries and occupations including in Artificial Intelligence, maritime industries, advanced manufacturing, and other strategic sectors identified by the Administration. Additionally, OA will continue to leverage IT and automation to increase efficiency to expand new programs and Registered Apprenticeship slots and deliver efficient and quality services to employers, apprentices, state, and industry stakeholders to support the expansion of Registered Apprenticeship.

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FY 2025

Congress appropriated \$285,000,000 for the period of April 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 (PY 2025), which the Department is using to protect and strengthen Registered Apprenticeships and build on their successes to seize new opportunities and unlock the limitless potential of the American worker, including achievement of the President's goal to reach and surpass 1 million active apprentices.

Most of the funding awarded included formula grants to states and cooperative agreements to support pay-for-performance (PFP) models targeting opportunities with a high potential for rapid growth in the number of apprentices, while supporting a consolidated ecosystem of industry intermediary contracts in priority sectors. In PY 2025, the Department provided funding for the next round of State Apprenticeship Expansion Formula (SAEF) Round 4 grants through performance-based formula funding to states to fuel state leadership in expansion of Registered Apprenticeship. The Department also dedicated a substantial portion of the FY 2025 funding through the Pay-for-Performance incentive payment grant program, which established pay-for-performance incentive models targeting opportunities for rapid growth in the number of active apprentices. Further, the Department provided funding for the Registered Apprenticeship industry intermediary model to provide broad-based support in several in-demand and critical sectors where Registered Apprenticeship has not been scaled traditionally and employers and potential sponsors need a high-level of support to develop, expand, adopt, and/or hire apprentices.

The funding also supported national activities, tools, and assistance that support employers and States; technology; and marketing and promotion of Registered Apprenticeship.

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WORKLOAD AND PERFORMANCE SUMMARY				
	FY 2025 Enacted		FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request
	Target	Result	Target	Target
Apprenticeship				
ETA-OA-11 Active Apprentices	700,000	702,466	850,000	--

Legend: (r) Revised (e) Estimate (base) Baseline -- Not Applicable TBD - To Be Determined [p] - Projection

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Workload and Performance Narrative

In alignment with the goal set by the President in EO 14278 to reach and surpass 1 million active apprentices, OA will measure and report the number of active apprentices. The most recent result from FY 2025 was 702,466. Performance data, including completion data, number of program reviews, program registrations, and other program management data, will also be tracked.

Since the Budget proposes to consolidate this program into MASA, no FY 2027 targets are set. The number of active apprentices will be reported in the MASA budget chapter beginning with the FY 2028 Congressional Budget Justification.

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BUDGET ACTIVITY BY OBJECT CLASS

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request	Diff. FY 2027 Request / FY 2026 Enacted
25.2 Other services from non-Federal sources	49,874	35,000	0	-35,000
41.0 Grants, subsidies, and contributions	235,126	250,000	0	-250,000
Total	285,000	285,000	0	-285,000

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CHANGES IN FY 2027

(Dollars in Thousands)

Activity Changes		
Built-Ins		
Built-Ins Subtotal	\$0	
Base	\$285,000	0
Program Decreases	-\$285,000	0
Net Program Subtotal	-\$285,000	0
Total Activity Appropriation	\$0	0
	Amount	FTE
Base	\$285,000	0
Program Increases	\$0	0
Program Decreases	-\$285,000	0

WORKFORCE DATA QUALITY INITIATIVE

BUDGET AUTHORITY BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request	Diff. FY 2027 Request / FY 2026 Enacted
Activity Appropriation	6,000	6,000	0	-6,000
FTE	0	0	0	0

Introduction

The Workforce Data Quality Initiative (WDQI) is intended to support both the development and enhancement of longitudinal administrative databases that integrate workforce and education data. WDQI also emphasizes strengthening system quality through improvements, while increasing access to performance data, including data reported by employment services and training providers. WDQI’s goal is for States to use their longitudinal data systems to follow individuals from education into the workforce. WDQI grant recipients are expected to demonstrate strong, established partnerships between State workforce and educational agencies.

The FY 2027 Budget proposes eliminating WDQI and replacing it with the Make America Skilled Again (MASA) grant program. MASA will consolidate multiple standalone programs into a single program that can serve a range of job seekers. The program will provide States greater flexibility to invest in their data systems based on their direct understanding of their unique needs and opportunities for improvement.

Five-Year Budget Activity History

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Funding</u> (Dollars in Thousands)	<u>FTE</u>
2022	\$6,000	0
2023	\$6,000	0
2024	\$6,000	0
2025	\$6,000	0
2026	\$6,000	0

WORKFORCE DATA QUALITY INITIATIVE

Funding Mechanism

Under current law, the WDQI operates on a Program Year (PY) basis (July 1 through June 30). The WDQI grants are awarded to States through competitive Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOA).

FY2027

The 2027 Budget eliminates the WDQI program as a stand-alone budget request and proposes to consolidate the grants within the Make America Skilled Again (MASA) grant program. The program will provide States with greater flexibility to improve State workforce data systems and enhance training and employment opportunities for American workers.

FY 2026

Congress appropriated \$6,000,000 for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 (PY 2026). During this period, WDQI grants will provide funding to eligible State Workforce Agencies to strengthen the infrastructure and utility of workforce and education data systems and enables states to develop actionable data tools that support worker mobility.

FY 2025

Congress appropriated \$6,000,000 for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 (PY 2025) to support the modernization of longitudinal administrative databases that integrate workforce and education data. Grants were awarded to Arkansas, Delaware, New Mexico, Ohio, Texas and Wisconsin. These grantees will create strong linkages between workforce and education data, enhance Eligible Training Provider reporting, develop public-facing dashboards and tools to assist job-seekers, enhance wage record data to provide additional context for employment, develop actionable data tools to support worker mobility, and enhance overall data governance within the state.

WORKFORCE DATA QUALITY INITIATIVE

BUDGET ACTIVITY BY OBJECT CLASS

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request	Diff. FY 2027 Request / FY 2026 Enacted
41.0 Grants, subsidies, and contributions	6,000	6,000	0	-6,000
Total	6,000	6,000	0	-6,000

WORKFORCE DATA QUALITY INITIATIVE

CHANGES IN FY 2027

(Dollars in Thousands)

Activity Changes

Built-Ins		
Built-Ins Subtotal	\$0	
Base	\$6,000	0
Program Decreases	-\$6,000	0
Net Program Subtotal	-\$6,000	0
Total Activity Appropriation	\$0	0

	Amount	FTE
Base	\$6,000	0
Program Increases	\$0	0
Program Decreases	-\$6,000	0

YOUTHBUILD

BUDGET AUTHORITY BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request	Diff. FY 2027 Request / FY 2026 Enacted
Activity Appropriation	105,000	105,000	0	-105,000
FTE	0	0	0	0

Introduction

YouthBuild is a work-based pre-apprenticeship program that provides job training and educational opportunities to out-of-school, unemployed, and low-income youth ages 16-24 with a focus on attaining construction skills through building or rehabilitating affordable housing for low-income or homeless families in their own neighborhoods. Youth split their time between occupational training and the classroom, where they earn their high school diploma or equivalency, learn to be community leaders, and prepare for post-secondary training opportunities.

The FY 2027 Budget proposes eliminating the YouthBuild program and replacing it with the Make America Skilled Again (MASA) grant program. MASA will consolidate multiple standalone programs into a single program that can serve a range of job seekers, including low-income youth.

Five-Year Budget Activity History

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Funding</u> (Dollars in Thousands)	<u>FTE</u>
2022	\$99,034	0
2023	\$105,000	0
2024	\$105,000	0
2025	\$105,000	0
2026	\$105,000	0

Funding Mechanism

Under current law, YouthBuild operates on a program year basis. Funds appropriated in FY 2026 are available for obligation from April 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 (PY 2026) and are awarded through an annual grant competition. Programs are funded for four months of implementation, two years of program operation, and one year of follow-up support.

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FY 2027

The 2027 Budget eliminates the YouthBuild program as a stand-alone budget request and proposes to consolidate the grants within the Make America Skilled Again grant program.

FY 2026

The Department was appropriated \$105,000,000 in FY 2026. Of the total funding amount, five percent will be directed toward the statutory set-aside for technical assistance. The remainder will support approximately 57 grants. With PY 2026 funds, YouthBuild will continue to focus on strengthening pre-apprenticeship opportunities that link education and occupational skills training in construction and other in-demand industries and require new grantees to partner with Registered Apprenticeship programs and other relevant local stakeholders. The program will continue to focus on increasing credential attainment for YouthBuild participants, including high school diplomas, high school equivalency degrees, and industry-recognized credentials. Finally, YouthBuild will continue to emphasize connections to emerging apprenticeship pathways beyond traditional fields and provide grantees technical assistance to demonstrate this opportunity for youth.

FY 2025

Congress appropriated \$105,000,000 for the period of April 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 (PY 2025). Of the total funding amount, five percent was directed toward the statutory set-aside for technical assistance. The remainder will support approximately 57 grants to serve an estimated 4,261 youth with an average cost per participant of \$14,272, based on PY 2024 results after the statutory five percent technical assistance set-aside is removed. In FY 2025, the Department's YouthBuild program focused on strengthening pre-apprenticeship opportunities that link education and occupational skills training in construction and other in-demand industries and required new grantees to partner with Registered Apprenticeship Programs and other relevant local stakeholders. The Department also required new YouthBuild grantees to incorporate artificial intelligence (AI) literacy skills in the education component of the program, in alignment with Executive Order 14277 *Advancing Artificial Intelligence Education for American Youth* (April 23, 2025). In alignment with Executive Order 14191 *Expanding Educational Freedom and Opportunity for Families* (January 29, 2025), the Department prioritized YouthBuild grant applications from charter schools and other organizations partnering with educational institutions. The program maintained its efforts to increase credential attainment, including high school diplomas, high school equivalency degrees, and industry-recognized credentials, for YouthBuild participants. Finally, YouthBuild continued to emphasize connections to emerging apprenticeship pathways beyond traditional fields and provided grantees technical assistance to demonstrate this opportunity for youth.

YOUTHBUILD

WORKLOAD AND PERFORMANCE SUMMARY							
		PY 2024 Revised Enacted		PY 2025 Enacted		PY 2026 Enacted	PY 2027 Request
		Target	Result	Target	Result	Target	Target
YouthBuild							
ETA-WIOA YB-01	Education and Employment Rate – 2nd Quarter After Exit (WIOA YouthBuild)	49.40%	66.00%	49.40%	--	49.60%	--
ETA-WIOA YB-02	Education and Employment Rate – 4th Quarter After Exit (WIOA YouthBuild)	41.40%	67.29%	41.40%	--	41.60%	--
ETA-WIOA YB-03	Median Earning – 2nd Quarter After Exit (WIOA YouthBuild)	\$4,942	\$3,923	\$4,942	--	\$5,041	--
ETA-WIOA YB-04	Credential Attainment (WIOA YouthBuild)	73.20%	79.03%	73.20%	--	73.40%	--
ETA-WIOA YB-05	Measurable Skill Gains (WIOA YouthBuild)	52.60%	71.76%	52.60%	--	52.80%	--

Legend: (r) Revised (e) Estimate (base) Baseline -- Not Applicable TBD - To Be Determined [p] - Projection

YOUTHBUILD

Workload and Performance Narrative

Under current law, grantees report to the Department on: 1) employment and education in the second quarter after exit; 2) employment and education in the fourth quarter after exit; 3) median earnings of those employed in the second quarter after exit; 4) credential attainment; 5) measurable skill gains; and 6) effectiveness in serving employers (shared measure across programs). The results of these measures demonstrate the effectiveness of the YouthBuild program investments in helping address the employment and skill needs of workers, job seekers, and employers.

All YouthBuild program targets were met in PY 2024 with the exception of the median earnings target. The Department will continue to support program improvement through analyzing the effectiveness of the services provided to participants, improving program efficiency, providing increased flexibility to states and local areas in order to maximize innovation in the workforce system, and promoting promising practices such as: industry-driven strategies, including Registered Apprenticeship; improving worker mobility; and integrating workforce and education systems. The Department hopes that these strategies lead to improved program performance to ensure targets are met in PY 2025.

Since the Budget proposes to consolidate this program into MASA, no FY 2027 targets are set.

YOUTHBUILD

BUDGET ACTIVITY BY OBJECT CLASS

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request	Diff. FY 2027 Request / FY 2026 Enacted
25.2 Other services from non-Federal sources	5,401	5,000	0	-5,000
41.0 Grants, subsidies, and contributions	99,599	100,000	0	-100,000
Total	105,000	105,000	0	-105,000

YOUTHBUILD

CHANGES IN FY 2027

(Dollars in Thousands)

Activity Changes

Built-Ins

Built-Ins Subtotal

\$0

Base

\$105,000

0

Program Decreases

-\$105,000

0

Net Program Subtotal

-\$105,000

0

Total Activity Appropriation

\$0

0

Amount

FTE

Base

\$105,000

0

Program Increases

\$0

0

Program Decreases

-\$105,000

0