WORKFORCE PATHWAYS FOR YOUTH GRANTS
Total Funding Available: $10 MILLION

EXPAND JOB TRAINING AND WORKFORCE PATHWAYS FOR YOUTH AGES 14-21, WITH A FOCUS ON YOUTH LIVING IN RURAL AREAS.

WHAT IT DOES
Workforce Pathways for Youth grants will fund national Out of School Time (OST) organizations that serve historically underserved and marginalized youth ages 14 to 21. These grants will place an emphasis on age-appropriate workforce readiness programming to expand job training and workforce pathways for youth, including soft skill development, career exploration, job readiness and certification, summer jobs, year-round job opportunities, and apprenticeships.

This program aims to also support partnerships between workforce boards and youth serving organizations and establish lasting connections and partnerships with state and local workforce partners to introduce opportunity youth to career-related services. All grantees must fund locally-operated OST organizations to implement evidence-based, career-focused and innovative programming.

THE GOALS OF THE GRANT PROGRAM ARE TO:

1. Expand age-appropriate workforce readiness programming through national OST organizations and their state or locally-operated affiliate organizations and ultimately scale up these efforts
2. Promote increased alignment between OST organizations, workforce development programs, and school systems, including alignment with dropout reengagement and recovery programs
3. Provide work experiences, occupational skills training, and unsubsidized employment placements to increase opportunities for youth, particularly those at risk of not completing their high school education, to gain the skills needed to be successful in higher education and employment.

WHO IT SERVES (Target Population)
- Youth and Young Adults (Ages 14-21)
- Youth aging out of foster care
- Youth experiencing housing instability
- Youth in rural areas
- Youth from other Underserved Communities

WHO CAN APPLY
- Nonprofit entities

HOW TO APPLY?
- Grants.gov; Applications must be submitted electronically by April 25, 2022.

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