Overview: Upcoming ETA Competitive Funding Opportunities

Job Corps Scholars: Approximately $20 million
Anticipated Publication: Fall 2019
Awards Made: Spring 2020

The Job Corps Scholars Program demonstration project will serve Job Corps eligible youth enrolled at selected community colleges, historical black colleges and universities and tribally controlled colleges and universities. For students designated by the grantees as “Job Corps Scholars,” these educational institutions will provide free tuition for their first year in the Job Corps Scholars program, career technical training, and intensive personal and career counseling services to support and facilitate completion of the program. In addition, employment counseling services will be provided, including follow-up employment services. Eligible applicants are: Accredited, two-year, public community colleges; accredited, public, two- and four-year historically black colleges and universities; and, accredited, two- and four-year tribal colleges and universities with at least one certification training program that can be completed in 12 months or less.

This grant program was published on October 24, 2019. Please review the full funding opportunity announcement located here: https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html.

Support Act: Approximately $20 million
Anticipated Publication: Fall 2019
Awards Made: Winter 2020

As authorized by the SUPPORT Act, the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) will announce the availability of grant funds for the Support to Communities: Fostering Opioid Recovery through Workforce Development grant program. The goals of this program is to, 1) implement innovative approaches for addressing the economic and workforce-related impacts on local communities affected by the opioid and substance misuse epidemic; 2) engage employers as essential partners to address the impacts of substance and opioid misuse by playing an active role in the grant’s program design and delivery; 3) pioneering creative ways to support the skills attainment of existing or new employees; 4) connecting businesses with resources such as the Employer Resource Network to help workers retain their employment, provide training and employment services and comprehensive screening services, including outpatient treatment recovery care and other supportive services, to individuals impacted by the crisis; and, 5) deliver training and employment opportunities to encourage more individuals to enter professions that could address the crisis and/or provide relevant skills training that would help individuals enter career pathways and find and retain employment in in-demand occupations. Applicants will use these funds to collaboratively address the local substance misuse epidemic by forming partnerships with local stakeholders to address the crises.

Reentry Adult: Approximately $56.6 million
Anticipated Publication: Winter 2019
Awards Made: June 2020

The Reentry Adult, Pathway Home Projects will enroll adult inmates, aged 18 and above into community-based reentry programs prior to release from state correctional facilities, and county and local jails. These projects will offer transitional services that range from work-readiness, counseling, and securing support services pre-release to a continuum of training in
in-demand industries leading to industry-recognized credentials and employment post-release. Participants will maintain
the same caseworker pre-and-post release as suggested as a “best practice” in the Linking Employment Activities Pre-
Release Implementation Study. The design of these projects will eliminate the gap between release from prison or jail and
enrollment into a reentry program leading to employment. All grants must be located in high-poverty, high-crime
communities. Eligible applicants are: Community-or faith-based organizations with IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit status,
including women’s and minority organizations; Indian and Native American entity eligible for grants under section 166 of
WIOA that have a presence in at least three communities and across at least two states.

Reentry Youth: Approximately $35 million
Anticipated Publication: Winter 2019
Awards Made: June 2020
The Reentry Youth Projects seeks to partner with intermediary organizations that provide reentry services with community
colleges. Grantees will provide education and training in high-growth industries to improve the employment outcomes for
young adults aged 18-24 involved in the justice system. ETA is interested in program models that provide work-based
learning opportunities, including pre-apprenticeships and apprenticeships; and models that exhibit strong partnerships with
employers. All grants must be located in high-poverty, high-crime communities. Eligible applicants are: Community or
faith-based intermediary organizations (organizations that have an affiliate network or offices in at least three communities
and across at least two states), with IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit status, including women’s and minority organizations; Indian
and Native American entity eligible for grants under section 166 of WIOA that have a presence in at least three
communities and across at least two states.

YouthBuild: $85 million
Anticipated Publication: Winter 2020
Awards Made: Spring 2020
The YouthBuild program is a community-based alternative education program for youth between the ages of 16 and 24
who are high school dropouts or who previously dropped out and subsequently re-enrolled, adjudicated youth, youth in
and aging out of foster care, youth with disabilities, and other disadvantaged youth populations. YouthBuild
simultaneously addresses several core issues important to low-income communities. Such as, affordable housing,
education, employment, and leadership development. YouthBuild programs must provide construction training and
work on low-income housing in their communities but they can also offer additional in-demand industry training
(Construction Plus) to align with local in-demand occupations and provide more diverse placement opportunities for
youth who choose not to pursue construction careers. Youthbuild will continue to focus on Construction Plus models by
allowing any applicant to propose additional in-demand industries for training. Eligible applicants are: Private non-
profit or Public agencies. These organizations include rural, urban, or Native American agencies that have previously
served disadvantaged youth in a YouthBuild or other similar program.

WORC: Approximately $30 million
Anticipated Publication: Spring 2020
Awards Made: Summer 2020
Workforce Opportunities for Rural Communities (WORC) grants are designed to develop local and regional workforce
development solutions aligned with existing economic development strategies. These grants will provide enhanced
training and support activities to dislocated workers (including displaced homemakers); new entrants to the workforce; and
incumbent workers. Individuals affected by substance abuse disorder may also receive services through this grant.
Collectively, these grant activities promote new, sustainable job opportunities and long-term economic vitality. WORC
grants will be awarded in collaboration with the Appalachian Regional Commission and Delta Regional Authority, and will
focus on rural areas hard hit by economic transition that are recovering slowly. Projects will address the specific skill
needs of both businesses and workers in either the Appalachian region or the Lower Mississippi Delta region, as defined in
40 U.S.C 14102(a)(1), and in 7 U.S.C. 2009aa(2), respectively. Eligible applicants are: State Government, County
Government, City or Township Government, Special District Government, Regional Organization, Independent School
District, Public/State Controlled Institution of Higher Education, Private Institution of Higher Education, Historically
Black Colleges and Universities, Indian/Native American Tribal Government (Federally Recognized), Indian/Native
American Tribal Government (Other than Federally Recognized), Indian/Native American Tribally Designated
Organization, Public/Indian Housing, Nonprofit Organizations, Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities.
The National Farmworker Jobs Program (NFJP) will provide career services, training services, youth services, related assistance services, and housing assistance to eligible migrant and seasonal farmworkers and their dependents. NFJP eligible migrant and seasonal farmworkers and their dependents may receive services, such as job placement assistance, comprehensive skills assessment, career planning, occupational skills training or on-the-job training, and related assistance to prepare individuals to obtain, retain, or stabilize their unsubsidized employment, including upgraded employment in agriculture. In addition, permanent and temporary housing assistance is also provided to migrant and seasonal farmworkers. Eligible applicants are organizations that have: 1) an understanding of the problems of eligible migrant and seasonal farmworkers (including their dependents); 2) a familiarity with the area to be served; and, 3) the ability to demonstrate a capacity to administer and deliver effectively a diversified program of workforce investment activities (including youth workforce investment activities) and related assistance for eligible migrant and seasonal farmworkers.

**RETAIN Phase 2: Approximately $67.6 million**  
**Anticipated Publication: Winter 2020**  
**Awards Made: Summer 2020**

The RETAIN – Retaining Employment & Talent after Injury/Illness Network – Demonstration Projects are federally funded research efforts intended to test the impact of early intervention strategies on stay-at-work/return-to-work outcomes of workers who have recently incurred a new injury or illness, or who recently experienced an exacerbation of an existing injury or illness, that presents long-term difficulties for their ability to work. The projects address both on-the-job and off-the-job injuries and illnesses. Successful projects provide services for a maximum of six months through an integrated network of partners that includes close collaboration between state and/or local workforce development entities, health care systems and/or health care provider networks, and other partners (e.g., employers or insurers) as appropriate. The primary goals of the RETAIN Demonstration Projects are to increase employment retention and labor force participation of individuals who acquire, and/or are at risk of developing, a disability that inhibits their ability to work, and reduce long-term work disability among project participants, including the need for Social Security Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income. The RETAIN Demonstration Projects are funded in two (2) phases. Eight state workforce agencies received RETAIN Phase 1 awards: California, Connecticut, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Ohio, Vermont, and Washington. Eligible applicants are limited to recipients of RETAIN Phase 1 awards.

**SCSEP: Approximately $400 million**  
**Anticipated Publication: Spring 2020**  
**Awards Made: Summer 2020**

The Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) is the only federally funded program that serves low-income unemployed older adults 55 years and older who want to enter or reenter the workforce. The purpose of this program is to foster economic self-sufficiency and promote useful part-time work experiences in community service assignments for unemployed low-income individuals who are 55 years of age or older, and to facilitate the placement of such individuals into unsubsidized employment in both the public and private sectors. Applicants must have a clear service delivery model that will enable eligible individuals to successfully participate in the program and achieve the goals identified in their individual employment plan, which must include an appropriate employment goal for each participant, taking into consideration each participant’s capabilities, needs, and occupational preferences.

**Apprenticeship Readiness: Approximately $42 million**  
**Anticipated Publication: Winter 2020**  
**Awards Made: Spring 2020**

Apprenticeship Readiness Grants will build on the youth apprenticeship intermediary contracts awarded in the summer of 2019. These readiness grants will assist educational institutions, employers, industry associations, joint labor-management organizations, States, grantees, and other organizations to launch in-school youth registered apprenticeship programs across multiple industries and sectors to meet the occupational and skill needs of those industries.
This information is intended for planning purposes and contingent upon available Fiscal Year 2020 funds. Interested applicants must follow the final requirements in the specific Funding Opportunity, when published.

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