

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
Employment & Training Administration  
Funding Opportunity Announcement  
FOA-ETA-15-05**

**Amendment One**

**YouthBuild**

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor

**ACTION:** Amendment to FOA-ETA-15-05

**SUMMARY:** The Employment and Training Administration announced on April 6, 2015, the availability of funds and Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for YouthBuild grants to be awarded through a competitive process.

The document is hereby amended as follows:

**Section II.C, “Outcomes”**

Section II.C, “Outcomes” is amended to clarify the expected cost per participant by striking the word “annual” from the second-to-last sentence of the last paragraph, as follows:

**Old Text:**

“The Department expects that the annual cost per participant will be between \$15,000 and \$18,000, and must not exceed \$18,000.”

**New Text:**

“The Department expects that the cost per participant will be between \$15,000 and \$18,000, and must not exceed \$18,000.”

**Section IV.B.3.a(1)(a), “Unemployment Rate”**

Section IV.B.3.a(1)(a), “Unemployment Rate” is amended to correct the national unemployment rate for youth ages 16 – 24 by replacing “22.1 percent” with “21.0 percent” in the last paragraph, as follows:

**Old Text:**

“Applicants must use Bureau of Labor Statistics data for the national unemployment rate and for the local areas to be served. This data can be found through the U.S. Census’ Web site at: <http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml>. The national unemployment

rate for youth ages 16 – 24 against which DOL will evaluate applicants is: 22.1 percent (using 3-year American Community Survey estimates as of 2013). For specific instructions on how to locate and calculate the information requested here, please see Section VIII. Additional Resources of Interest to Applicants.”

**New Text: (replacement language in bold)**

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**Section IV.B.3.a(2)(a), “Education and Occupational Skills Training”**

Section IV.B.3.a(2)(a), “Education and Occupational Skills Training” is amended to clarify that the training plan described in the “Statement of Need” section is required of both categories of applicants by replacing the phrase “only for Category B applicants” with “for both Category A and Category B applicants” in the third paragraph, as follows:

**Old Text:**

“The applicant must also describe where and how it will conduct occupational skills training, the curriculum(a) used, and the industry-recognized credentials that participants will attain (this differs from the training plan for new applicants described above in Statement of Need which requires specific details of the construction training component only for Category B applicants).”

**New Text: (new language in bold)**

“The applicant must also describe where and how it will conduct occupational skills training, the curriculum(a) used, and the industry-recognized credentials that participants will attain (this differs from the training plan described above in Statement of Need which requires specific details of the construction training component **for both Category A and Category B** applicants).”

**Section IV.B.3.a(5)(1), “Programmatic Capability for Category B Applicants, Past Performance”**

Section IV.B.3.a(5)(1), “Programmatic Capability for Category B Applicants, Past Performance” is amended to clarify the past performance data submission requirements for Category B applicants, depending on whether or not the applicant has served as a direct DOL grant recipient in the past five years. This section is amended by adding the text shown in bold below to the first paragraph, as follows:

**Old Text:**

“Category B applicants must provide data from a previous project, according to the following guidelines. If the Category B applicant has completed one or more DOL grant(s) under a program other than YouthBuild within the past five (5) years, they must provide the performance data from the most recent DOL grant. Category B applicants that have not completed any DOL grant within the last five (5) years must choose a recently-completed grant similar in size, scope, and relevance to the proposed program completed within the last five (5) years, as of the closing date of this Announcement (includes federally or non-federally funded assistance agreements; federally funded assistance agreements include federal grants and cooperative agreements but not federal contracts).”

**New Text: (new language in bold)**

“Category B applicants must provide data from a previous project, according to the following guidelines. If the Category B applicant has completed one or more DOL grant(s) **as the direct grant recipient** within the past five (5) years, they must provide the performance data from the most recent completed DOL grant. Category B applicants that have not completed any DOL grant **as the direct grant recipient** within the last five (5) years must choose a recently-completed grant similar in size, scope, and relevance to the proposed program completed within the last five (5) years (**which may include DOL grants for which they were a sub-recipient**), as of the closing date of this Announcement (includes federally or non-federally funded assistance agreements; federally funded assistance agreements include federal grants and cooperative agreements but not federal contracts).”

**Section IV.B.3.a(5)(1)(a), “Programmatic Capability for Category B Applicants, Performance Goals”**

Section IV.B.3.a(5)(1)(a), “Programmatic Capability for Category B Applicants, Performance Goals” is amended to revise the performance goal requirements for the past performance of Category B applicants. This section is amended by adding the text shown in bold below to the first paragraph, as follows:

**Old Text:**

(a) Performance Goals:

Category B applicants must submit a chart of past performance that identifies four (4) performance goals and the actual performance results for the most recently-completed grant, as specified above. If available, Category B applicants should use the performance metrics most similar to: employment/education placement, degree/certificate attainment, literacy/numeracy gains, and retention in education or employment. In the chart, Category B applicants must identify the total number of participants enrolled in the program, the expected level of performance for each goal, and the actual outcomes for each goal displayed as both a fraction (i.e., the numerator equal to the number of program participants who achieved the identified metric and the denominator equal to the total program participants eligible for the identified metric) and a percentage. Category B applicants will receive points based on past performance demonstrated in the attached performance chart.

**New Text: (new language in bold)**

(a) Performance Goals:

Category B applicants must submit a chart of past performance that identifies four (4) performance goals and the actual performance results for the most recently-completed grant, as specified above. If available, Category B applicants should use the performance metrics most similar to: employment/education placement, degree/certificate attainment, literacy/numeracy gains, and retention in education or employment. **ETA views these four metrics as the most critical to demonstrating that the applicant's past success in similar programs has prepared its organization to succeed in operating a YouthBuild project. Accordingly, applicants must choose at least three (3) out of these four (4) metrics (or substantially similar metrics) in demonstrating past performance. For the fourth metric, applicants must provide another performance metric, which may be the fourth metric from the list above or another different metric from their grantor.** In the chart, Category B applicants must identify the total number of participants enrolled in the program, the expected level of performance for each goal, and the actual outcomes for each goal displayed as both a fraction (i.e., the numerator equal to the number of program participants who achieved the identified metric and the denominator equal to the total program participants eligible for the identified metric) and a percentage. Category B applicants will receive points based on past performance demonstrated in the attached performance chart.

**Section V.A.1(a), "Unemployment Rate"**

Section V.A.1(a), "Unemployment Rate" is amended to correct the national unemployment rate for youth ages 16 – 24 by replacing "22.1 percent" with "21.0 percent" in the criteria, as follows:

**Old Text:**

*a) Unemployment Rate (Maximum 5 points):*

DOL will score applicants based on the weighted average youth unemployment rate across the proposed cities and/or towns that the applicant proposes to serve.

- If the weighted average unemployment rate for youth ages 16 to 24 years for the proposed combined cities or towns to serve is greater than the national unemployment rate of 22.1 percent: 5 Points.
- If the weighted average unemployment rate for youth ages 16 to 24 years is equal to the national unemployment rate of 22.1 percent: 3 Points.
- If the weighted average unemployment rate for youth ages 16 to 24 years is less than the national unemployment rate of 22.1 percent: 0 Points.

**New Text: (new language in bold)**

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DOL will score applicants based on the weighted average youth unemployment rate across the proposed cities and/or towns that the applicant proposes to serve.

- If the weighted average unemployment rate for youth ages 16 to 24 years for the proposed combined cities or towns to serve is greater than the national unemployment rate of **21.0** percent: 5 Points.
- If the weighted average unemployment rate for youth ages 16 to 24 years is equal to the national unemployment rate of **21.0** percent: 3 Points.
- If the weighted average unemployment rate for youth ages 16 to 24 years is less than the national unemployment rate of **21.0** percent: 0 Points.

**Section V.A.5(a), “Past Performance – Programmatic Capability for Category B”**

Section V.A.5(a), “Past Performance – Programmatic Capability for Category B” is amended to revise the point structure of the criteria for past performance of Category B applicants. This section is amended by adding text to the beginning of the section and replacing subsections (1) through (4) as follows:

**Old Text:**

a) Performance Goals (Maximum 24 points)

*(1) Placement in Education or Employment (Maximum 6 points):*

- Category B applicants with placement rates of 70.00 percent or higher will receive 6 points for this subsection.
- Category B applicants with placement rates of 60.00 percent - 69.99 percent will receive 5 points for this subsection.
- Category B applicants with placement rates of 50.00 percent - 59.99 percent will receive 4 points for this subsection.
- Category B applicants with placement rates of 40.00 percent - 49.99 percent will receive 3 points for this subsection.
- Category B applicants with placement rates of 30.00 percent - 39.99 percent will receive 2 points for this subsection.
- Category B applicants with placement rates of 25.00 percent - 29.99 percent will receive 1 points for this subsection.
- Category B applicants with placement rates of 24.99 percent or below will receive 0 points for this subsection.

*(2) Certificate/Degree Attainment (Maximum 6 points):*

- Category B applicants with certificate/degree attainment rates of 70.00 percent or higher will receive 6 points for this subsection.
- Category B applicants with certificate/degree attainment rates of 60.00 percent - 69.99 percent will receive 5 points for this subsection.
- Category B applicants with certificate/degree attainment rates of 50.00 percent - 59.99 percent will receive 4 points for this subsection.

- Category B applicants with certificate/degree attainment rates of 40.00 percent - 49.99 percent will receive 3 points for this subsection.
- Category B applicants with certificate/degree attainment rates of 30.00 percent - 39.99 percent will receive 2 points for this subsection.
- Category B applicants with certificate/degree attainment rates of 25.00 percent - 29.99 percent will receive 1 points for this subsection.
- Category B applicants with certificate/degree attainment rates of 24.99 percent or below will receive 0 points for this subsection.

*(3) Literacy/Numeracy Gains (Maximum 6 points):*

- Category B applicants with literacy/numeracy gains of 60.00 percent or higher will receive 6 points for this subsection.
- Category B applicants with literacy/numeracy gains of 50.00 percent - 59.99 percent will receive 5 points for this subsection.
- Category B applicants with literacy/numeracy gains of 40.00 percent - 49.99 percent will receive 4 points for this subsection.
- Category B applicants with literacy/numeracy gains of 35.00 percent - 39.99 percent will receive 3 points for this subsection.
- Category B applicants with literacy/numeracy gains of 30.00 percent - 34.99 percent will receive 2 points for this subsection.
- Category B applicants with literacy/numeracy gains of 25.00 percent - 29.99 percent will receive 1 points for this subsection.
- Category B applicants with literacy/numeracy gains of 24.99 percent or below will receive 0 points for this subsection.

*(4) Retention in Education or Employment (Maximum 6 points):*

- Category B applicants with retention rates of 75.00 percent or higher will receive 6 points for this subsection.
- Category B applicants with retention rates of 65.00 percent - 74.99 percent will receive 5 points for this subsection.
- Category B applicants with retention rates of 55.00 percent - 64.99 percent will receive 4 points for this subsection.
- Category B applicants with retention rates of 45.00 percent - 54.99 percent will receive 3 points for this subsection.
- Category B applicants with retention rates of 35.00 percent - 44.99 percent will receive 2 points for this subsection.
- Category B applicants with retention rates of 30.00 percent - 34.99 percent will receive 1 points for this subsection.
- Category B applicants with retention rates of 29.99 percent or below will receive 0 points for this subsection.

**New Text: (new language in bold)**

a) Performance Goals (Maximum 24 points)

**As stated in Section IV.B.3.a(5)(1)(a), as amended, applicants must choose at least three (3) out of the four (4) metrics identified in that section (or substantially similar metrics) in demonstrating past performance. For the fourth metric, applicants must provide another performance metric, which may be the fourth metric from the list specified in Section IV.B.3.a(5)(1)(a) or another different metric from their grantor. Applicants will receive 0 out of 6 points for any metric that does not meet these requirements.**

*(1) Placement in Education or Employment or similar metric (Maximum 6 points):*

- Category B applicants **that met 90.00 percent of their goal** or higher will receive 6 points for this subsection.
- Category B applicants **that met 89.99 percent – 70.00 of their goal** will receive 5 points for this subsection.
- Category B applicants **that met 69.99 percent – 50.00 of their goal** will receive 4 points for this subsection.
- Category B applicants **that met 49.99 percent – 30.00 of their goal** will receive 3 points for this subsection.
- Category B applicants **that met 39.99 percent – 20.00 of their goal** will receive 2 points for this subsection.
- Category B applicants **that met 19.99 percent or below of their goal** will receive **0** points for this subsection.

*(2) Certificate/Degree Attainment or similar metric (Maximum 6 points):*

- Category B applicants **that met 90.00 percent of their goal** or higher will receive 6 points for this subsection.
- Category B applicants **that met 89.99 percent – 70.00 of their goal** will receive 5 points for this subsection.
- Category B applicants **that met 69.99 percent – 50.00 of their goal** will receive 4 points for this subsection.
- Category B applicants **that met 49.99 percent – 30.00 of their goal** will receive 3 points for this subsection.
- Category B applicants **that met 39.99 percent – 20.00 of their goal** will receive 2 points for this subsection.
- Category B applicants **that met 19.99 percent or below of their goal** will receive **0** points for this subsection.

*(3) Literacy/Numeracy Gains or similar metric (Maximum 6 points):*

- Category B applicants **that met 90.00 percent of their goal** or higher will receive 6 points for this subsection.
- Category B applicants **that met 89.99 percent – 70.00 of their goal** will receive 5 points for this subsection.
- Category B applicants **that met 69.99 percent – 50.00 of their goal** will receive 4 points for this subsection.

- Category B applicants **that met 49.99 percent – 30.00 of their goal** will receive 3 points for this subsection.
- Category B applicants **that met 39.99 percent – 20.00 of their goal** will receive 2 points for this subsection.
- Category B applicants **that met 19.99 percent or below of their goal** will receive **0** points for this subsection.

*(4) Retention in Education or Employment or similar metric (Maximum 6 points):*

- Category B applicants **that met 90.00 percent of their goal** or higher will receive 6 points for this subsection.
- Category B applicants **that met 89.99 percent – 70.00 of their goal** will receive 5 points for this subsection.
- Category B applicants **that met 69.99 percent – 50.00 of their goal** will receive 4 points for this subsection.
- Category B applicants **that met 49.99 percent – 30.00 of their goal** will receive 3 points for this subsection.
- Category B applicants **that met 39.99 percent – 20.00 of their goal** will receive 2 points for this subsection.
- Category B applicants **that met 19.99 percent or below of their goal** will receive **0** points for this subsection.

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