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Assistance Listing

Reentry Employment Opportunities

Popular Name: Prisoner Re-entry

Assistance Listings Number: 17.270

Types of Assistance: B – Project Grants

Department/Ind. Agency: Department of Labor

Sub-Tier: Employment and Training Administration

Award Amount: \$1,499,000.00

Related Federal Assistance: N/A

Overview

Objectives

This program includes both reentry grants focused on serving returning adults and youth focused grants aimed at youth involved or at risk of involvement in crime and violence. The objectives of the youth reentry grants include increasing the employment, employment retention, and earnings rate of released individuals while also decreasing their rate of recidivism. The objectives of youth reentry grants include preventing in-school youth from dropping out of school, increasing the employment rate of out-of-school youth, improving the reading and math skills of youth, reducing the involvement of youth in crime and violence, and reducing the recidivism rate of youth. The REO program facilitates a smoother reentry for justice-involved individuals and helps them reintegrate into their communities. The goal is to develop strategies and partnerships that facilitate successful workforce outcomes for participants.

Examples of Funded Projects

Fiscal Year 2024: REO program provides pre-release and comprehensive post-release services targeted in communities where high rates of poverty and crime exist. REO

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services include career assistance, occupational skills training, work-based learning, mentoring, transportation assistance, community violence intervention, trauma informed care approaches, mental health and substance abuse support, and preparation for post-secondary education. REO grantees also provide or connect participants with additional supportive services such as housing, childcare, identification assistance, family unification services, and legal assistance. REO grants have employer partners involved in the program design, so participants are prepared with skills and credentials that are in-demand. Grantees connect with employers to educate them on the benefits of hiring persons with criminal records and assist them in connecting with an often overlooked labor supply. REO programs include Pathway Home (PH), an adult focused program operating in local jails and state prisons, and Growth Opportunities (GO), a youth/young adult focused program. Additionally, REO partnered with the Department of Justice to establish Partners for Reentry Opportunities in Workforce Development (PROWD), an adult focused program similar to Pathway Home which operates in the federal corrections system. REO serves approximately 13,000 participants a year.

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Authorizations

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) was signed into law on July 22, 2014. It supersedes the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, and amends the Wagner-Peyser Act and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Only the version published in the Federal Register is the official regulation., Title Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014, Section 169 (a)(2)(A)-(G), , Public Law 118-47

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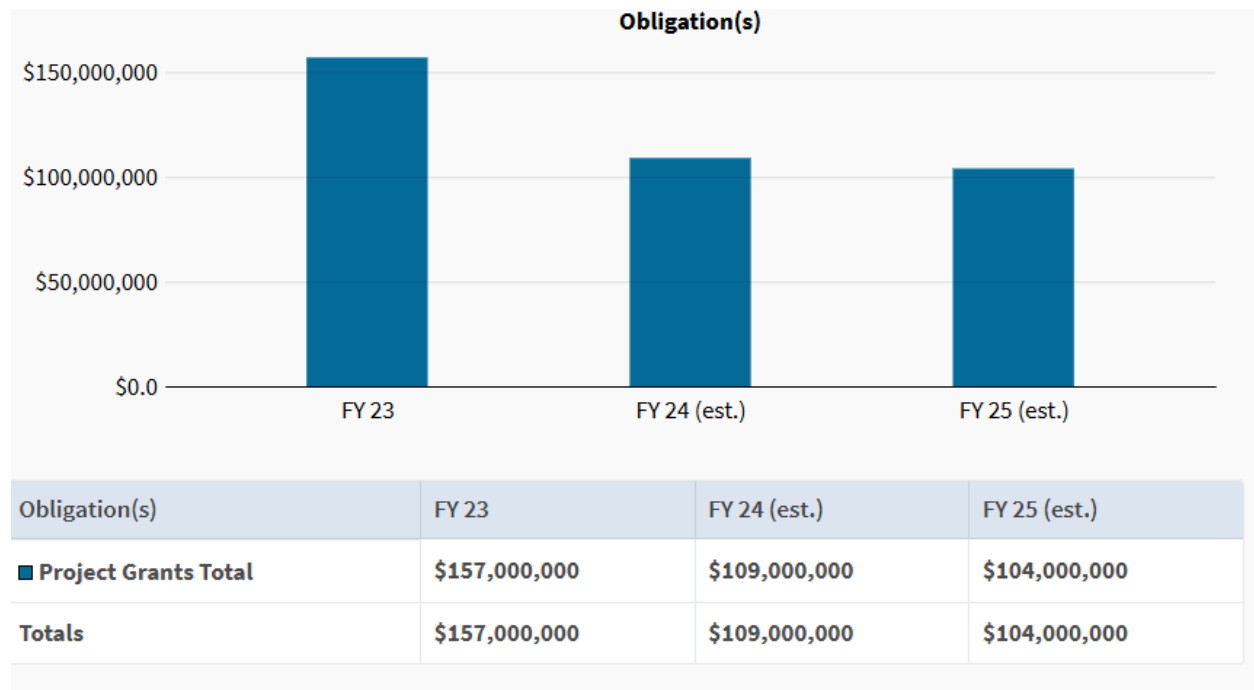
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Financial Information

These funding amounts do not reflect the award amounts that are displayed on USASpending.gov



Range and Average of Financial Assistance

The range and average of financial assistance varies by grant announcement. Adult focused grants have recently varied from \$1 million to \$4 million for two years of operation and 12 months of follow-up. Youth offender grants have recently varied from \$1.3 million to \$4 million for two years of operation and 12 months of follow-up.

Accomplishments

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Fiscal Year 2024: Fiscal Year 2024: In FY 2024, REO awarded approximately \$107,000,000 to serve youth, young adults and adults who are justice-impacted. Through the youth and young adult initiative, in coordination with the Administration's comprehensive strategy to prevent and reduce gun violence and other violent crime, we partnered with violence prevention agencies and organizations. The adult initiative served adults both pre-and post-incarceration, including providing post-release supportive services to adults who were incarcerated in federal prison system.

Account Identification

16-0174-0-1-504-Project Grants

Criteria for Applying

Types of Assistance

B - Project Grants

Credentials and Documentation

Non-governmental entities ordinarily must furnish documentary evidence of adequate financial controls. Grantees must demonstrate adequate organizational capacity to implement a Reentry Employment Opportunities program which includes a description of the occupational skills credential(s) that will be gained through participating in the program. Additionally, grantees must provide evidence of the capacity to track and report required performance outcomes. 2 CFR 200, Subpart E - Cost Principles applies to this program. 2 CFR 200, Subpart E - Cost Principles applies to this program.

Applicant Eligibility

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State (includes District of Columbia, public institutions of higher education and hospitals), Local (includes State-designated Indian Tribes, excludes institutions of higher education and hospitals), Public nonprofit institution/organization (includes institutions of higher education and hospitals), Other public institution/organization, Federally Recognized Indian Tribal Governments, U.S. Territories and possessions, U.S. Territories and possessions (includes institutions of higher education and hospitals), Non-Government - General, Private nonprofit institution/organization (includes institutions of higher education and hospitals), Quasi-public nonprofit institution/organization, State, Native American Organizations (includes Indian groups, cooperatives, corporations, partnerships, associations)

Eligible youth, young adult and adult applicants for Reentry Employment Opportunities (REO) grants vary depending on the solicitation. Applicants are generally located in or have a staff presence in the community being served. Examples of possible eligible applicants include community-based organizations, school districts, state and local government juvenile justice agencies, tribal entities, and entities carrying out activities under WIOA, such as local Workforce Investment Boards or American Job Centers.

Beneficiary Eligibility

Designations

Juvenile Delinquent, Youth (16-21), Women, Major Metropolis (over 250,000), Other Urban, Suburban, Rural

Reentry Employment Opportunities (REO) Adult grants serve individuals, 18 years old and older, who have been convicted as an adult and have been imprisoned for violating a state or federal law, and who have never been convicted of a sex-related offense. Depending on the solicitation, enrollment may be limited based on whether the presenting offense was violent or whether the individual has previously committed a violent crime. Eligible applicants for youth focused grants vary depending on the solicitation.

Length and Time Phasing of Assistance

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The period of performance varies by grant announcement. The possibility of additional years of funding varies by grant announcement. Payments to grantees are usually made by Letter of Credit draw-down procedures. Method of awarding/releasing assistance: letter

Use of Assistance

Designations

Elementary/Secondary Education, Employment/Labor/Management, Law, Justice, and Legal Services, Training, Youth Development, Vocational Education

Services under the adult reentry grants include assistance in finding employment, mentoring, job training, work-based learning remedial education, and other comprehensive transitional services. Services under the youth focused grants include a wide array of educational, employment, mentoring, case management, violence reduction, diversion, and record expungement services. Restrictions for specific projects are listed in grant funding announcements. One hundred percent of these funds are set aside for discretionary activities to be distributed almost exclusively through competitive procurements.

Applying for Assistance

Deadlines

Contact the headquarters or regional location, as appropriate for application deadlines

Preapplication Coordination

Preapplication coordination is not applicable. Environmental impact information is not required for this program. This program is excluded from coverage under E.O. 12372.

Application Procedures

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2 CFR 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards applies to this program.

Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO) for this listing will be posted on [Grants.gov \(opens in new window\) \(opens in new window\)](#).

Grants for projects are awarded on a competitive basis, announced in Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs), in Grants.gov and also on ETA's Web site at <http://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/grants>. Notices of the availability of FOAs may be published in the Federal Register. To compete for a grant, organizations develop a proposal and budget that demonstrate how the organization will provide services to a targeted population. The FOA provides all of the necessary information for applying for Federal assistance.

Criteria for Selecting Proposals

Criteria for each proposal are specified in the applicable request for proposals.

Award Procedure

Procedures for each project are specified in the applicable request for proposals. The general procedure is as follows: A technical review panel composed of staff from ETA program offices as well as peer reviewers evaluate submitted and eligible applications. The panel prepares a report for the ETA Grant Officer identifying the strengths and weaknesses of the application and the cumulative rating. Once recommendations are made by the Grant Officer and approved by the Secretary of Labor an Award Notification is sent through the appropriate congressional channels for notification. After awardees are notified, the list of awardees is posted on the ETA Web site at www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/grants. If an application is rejected, a letter is sent to the applicant as notification that they were not selected as a recipient of the grant.

Date Range for Approval/Disapproval

From 60 to 90 days.

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Renewals

> 180 Days. ETA may provide no-cost extensions at its own discretion based on the success of the project and other relevant factors.

Appeals

From 60 to 90 days. Procedures for each project are specified in the applicable request for proposals.

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Compliance Requirements

Policy Requirements

The following 2CFR policy requirements apply to this assistance listing:

Subpart B, General provisions

Subpart C, Pre-Federal Award Requirements and Contents of Federal Awards

Subpart D, Post Federal; Award Requirements

Subpart E, Cost Principles

Subpart F, Audit Requirements

The following 2CFR policy requirements are excluded from coverage under this assistance listing:

Not Applicable

Additional Information:

Reports

Progress Reports: Quarterly progress reports are required. Depending on the solicitation, grantees also may be required to participate in DOL's Grantee Performance Management System (GPMS) data collection system.

Expenditure Reports: Quarterly financial reports are required.

Performance Reports: Regional Federal Project Officers are responsible for monitoring performance.

Audits

Refer to the link below for 2 CFR Subpart F Audit Requirements.

<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200/subpart-F>

Additional audit requirements:

Varies

Records

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Recipients are required to maintain books, records, documents, and other evidence of accounting procedures and practices sufficient to reflect properly all direct and indirect costs of whatever nature claimed to have been incurred for the performance of the grant. Records are to be retained for three years from the date of final payment unless the Grant Officer authorizes earlier disposal.

Regulations, Guidelines, and Literature

Specified in Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOA).

Formula and Matching Requirements

Statutory formula is not applicable to this assistance listing.

Matching requirements are not applicable to this assistance listing.

MOE requirements are not applicable to this assistance listing.

Contact Information

Regional or Local Locations:

[See Regional Assistance Locations.](#)

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