

**Department of Labor
Employment and Training Administration**



Upcoming ETA Funding Opportunities

Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Community College and Career Training

Starting with Fiscal Year 2011, there will be \$500 million available for competitions each year; within that amount, the law requires that State receive “not less than” 0.5% of the fiscal year appropriation, or \$2.5 million. This program will help community colleges and other eligible institutions develop, offer, or improve education and career training programs suitable for workers who are eligible for Trade Adjustment Assistance. The focus will be on programs that can be completed in less than two years.

Green Jobs Innovation Fund

The initiative is designed to complement and extend the competitive grant awards made through the funding available for training in high growth and emerging industry sectors under the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 (Recovery Act). The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) is considering several strategies to help workers access green training and green career pathways, including: (1) enhanced pre-apprenticeship and Registered Apprenticeship programs in green industry sectors and occupations; (2) competitive grants for green career pathways that include a focus on developing education opportunities in green industry sectors and occupations; and, (3) incentivizing innovative partnerships that effectively connect community-based organizations in underserved communities with the workforce investment system to better serve targeted populations through a new focus on career advancement in green industry sectors.

Career Pathways Innovation Fund

The Career Pathways Innovation Fund will take the place of the Community-Based Job Training Grants (CBJTG), continuing the support for community colleges provided by the CBJTG, but focusing on career pathway programs at community colleges. Grants will be awarded to community colleges and consortia of community colleges that are developing or expanding career pathway programs in partnership with education and training providers, employers, and the workforce investment system. Grants may also be awarded to two-year colleges that meet these criteria and have been designated as Hispanic-Serving Institutions or Historically Black Colleges. \$65 million of the total funding will go toward programs that focus on training for health care fields.

Transitional Jobs

President Obama’s Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 budget for the Department of Labor requested \$50 million for transitional jobs. As a pivotal part of the Administration’s Fatherhood Initiative, this demonstration project would fund and evaluate transitional jobs models focused on the needs of low-income non-custodial parents (primarily fathers.) Through the Consolidated Appropriations Act, Congress appropriated \$30 million of the Employment and Training Administration’s (ETA) Pilots, Demonstration and Research fund and \$15 million of the Reintegration of Ex-Offenders fund to support new competitive grant programs to provide and evaluate transitional jobs activities.

Young Parents Demonstration

Round III of the Young Parents Demonstration program is to provide comprehensive mentoring services leading to family economic self-sufficiency to both mothers and fathers, and expectant mothers ages 16 to 24. Projects funded will be encouraged to serve young parents in high-risk categories, including those who are victims of child abuse, children of incarcerated parents, court-involved youth, youth at risk of court involvement, homeless and runaway youth, Indian and Native American youth, migrant youth, youth in or aging out of foster care, and youth with disabilities. Through the Consolidated Appropriations Act, Congress appropriated \$5.5 million of the Employment and Training Administration's (ETA) Pilots, Demonstration and Research fund to support a third round of competitive grants.

Civic Justice Corps

The Department of Labor's (DOL) FY 2010 Reintegration of Ex-offender Operating Plan states that DOL will award in the winter of 2011 \$20 million for new competitive grants to implement a CJC program for court-involved youth. The purpose of this initiative will be to allow young offenders 18 to 24 years of age to give something back to their communities through service and conservation work while also acquiring the requisite employment skills needed to ensure self-sustaining employment opportunities. The CJC model is based on the notion that, by their criminal acts, offenders have hurt their communities and have depleted community trust in them. The restorative nature of the model offers offenders a chance to demonstrate accountability for their actions.

National/Regional Intermediary Grant in High-Poverty, High Crime Communities

The Department of Labor's (DOL) FY 2010 Reintegration of Ex-offender Operating Plan states that DOL will award in the spring of 2011 \$17 million for new competitive grants that focus on serving youth offenders and out-of-school youth in high-poverty, high crime communities. Grants will be awarded to national or regional intermediary organizations and community-based partners and will work with juvenile justice agencies to begin academic and career training prior to release. Services post-release may include case management, mentoring, work readiness and basic skills training.

Generation IV Reintegration of Ex-Offenders

The Department of Labor's (DOL) FY 2010 Reintegration of Ex-offender Operating Plan states \$11,707,000 will fund new competitive grants for adult reentry projects that focus on preparing ex-offenders for employment in green industries and other high demand occupations. Funds will be awarded in the spring of 2011 to community- and faith-based organizations.

YouthBuild

The Department of Labor's (DOL) FY 2010 YouthBuild program will award in late fall of 2010 approximately \$30 million for new competitive grants that focus on serving out-of school youth. Grants will be awarded to approximately 28 organizations to oversee the provision of education and employment services to disadvantaged youth in their communities.

Disability Employment Initiative

In coordination with DOL's Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP), ETA will announce the availability of approximately \$21 million for cooperative agreements to state Workforce Investment Act (WIA) administering entities. The Combined Appropriation Act of 2010, included funds for both ETA and ODEP to develop and implement a plan for improving effective and meaningful participation of persons with disabilities in the workforce.