

**Generic Solicitation for Grant Applications
Control Number 1225-0086
Face Forward-Serving Juvenile Offenders**

Abstract:

This ICR seeks to clear the unique information collection requirements in the Face Forward solicitation for grant applications (SGA). The U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (ETA), intendeds to announce the availability of approximately \$26,000,000 in grant funds to award approximately 26 Face Forward grants. “Face Forward” conveys the idea of youth leaving their past transgressions behind and looking forward towards a promising future. Through diversion and/or record expungement strategies, these grants will give youth a chance to succeed in the workplace and to avoid the stigma of a juvenile record.

Diversion and expungement strategies are part of the Juvenile Justice system. These functions, operations, and processes are under their jurisdiction; however, in order to provide the best possible outcomes for these youth, it is imperative to provide these additional supportive services. Diversion is “an attempt to divert, or channel out, youthful offenders from the juvenile justice system” (Bynum and Thompson, 1996). Expungement focuses on having juvenile records expunged, or eliminated.

Juvenile arrests can follow youth for the rest of their lives and become a major barrier to inclusion and advancement in the workforce. The Face Forward grants will offer organizations the opportunity to develop programs that address this issue while developing the skills and opportunity youth need to move forward successfully in the workforce.

Electronic availability:

This grant solicitation is available on the grants.gov Web site. Based on past DOL experience, the Department anticipates 50 percent of responses will be submitted electronically.

Small Entities:

This information collection will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Assurances of confidentiality:

These grant solicitations do not offer applicants assurances of confidentiality.

Special circumstances:

This information collection complies with 5 CFR 1320.5.

Burden:

Based on past experience, the DOL expects to receive approximately 200 applications. Public reporting burden for the information collection is estimated to average 20 hours per response for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

200 applications x 20 hours = 4,000 hours.

In addition to the application, each grantee will be required to submit quarterly financial, performance, and narrative reports to ETA. Those information collection requirements will be cleared under a separate Control Number.

The DOL has increased the November 2012 average hourly earnings in the professional and business services industry of \$28.22 by 40 percent (total \$39.51) to monetize this burden. See *The Employment Situation—January 2013*, DOL, Bureau of Labor Statistics, http://www.bls.gov/news.release/archives/empsit_02012013.pdf at 35.

4,000 hours x \$39.51 = \$158,040

The DOL associates no other burden costs with this information collection.

Total burden: 200 respondents, 200 responses, 4000 hours, \$0 other cost burden.

Supporting Statement B; Statistical Methods

This information collection does not employ statistical methods.