

**Funding Opportunity Announcement  
Reentry Projects Grants  
Supplemental Justification**

**Supplemental Supporting Statement A: Justification**

This request seeks OMB approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act for the unique information collection requirements in the “Reentry Projects Grants,” Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA). The Department will announce the availability of approximately \$66 million in grant funds authorized under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), Section 169, Public Law 113-128, codified at 29 U.S.C. 3224, and Section 212 of the Second Chance Act (SCA), Public Law 110-199, codified at 42 U.S.C.

An estimated 28 successful applicants will receive awards up to \$4,500,000, depending on the applicant type and the population the applicant proposes to serve. Through this announcement, ETA seeks to enhance both adult and young adult reentry strategies through collaboration with the field to identify, define, and respond to emerging or chronic reentry challenges and issues by improving employment outcomes for these populations. ETA is seeking proposed strategies to address these issues, including trying new approaches, addressing gaps in services, building or translating research knowledge, or building capacity. This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) provides an opportunity to propose projects that bring fresh perspectives and ideas to improve the employment outcomes for adults and young adults involved in the justice system.

Through this FOA, organizations will build customized projects from evidence-based and informed interventions or from promising practices. These projects will serve either young adults between the ages of 18 to 24 who have been involved in the juvenile or adult justice system or adults ages 25 or older who have been incarcerated in the adult criminal justice system and released from prison or jail within 180 days; all participants served must reside in high-poverty, high-crime communities.

The focus of this initiative is to assist communities in planning and implementing comprehensive "reentry" programs to address the full range of challenges involved in helping formerly incarcerated adults and young adults who have been involved in the juvenile or adult justice system make successful transitions back to the community.

For the purpose of this grant, eligible applicants are either intermediary organizations (for the purpose of this Announcement, intermediary organizations are defined as organizations that have an affiliate network or offices in at least three communities and across at least two states) or community-based organizations (CBOs) (for the purpose of the Announcement, CBOs are organizations with single sites or multiple sites within one state). Applicants may submit up to two applications, one to serve young adults and one to serve adults; but may not propose to serve both populations (adults and young adults) through one combined application.

DOL intends to award grants that serve adults to urban-serving organizations and grants that serve young adults to a combination of rural- and urban-serving organizations. These grants have a performance period of 36 months, which includes a planning period, period of operation, and follow-up period; the period of operation must be at least 24 months of the total period of performance.

Applications will include the following information collections: 1) Form SF-424 “Application for Federal Assistance,” separately cleared under OMB control number 4040-0004, 2) Project Budget, 3) Project Narrative, and 4) Attachments to the Project Narrative.

**Electronic availability:**

This grant solicitation is available on the grants.gov Web site. Based on past DOL experience, the Department anticipates that at least 75 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 FOA implicates no special circumstances.

**Burden:**

Based on past experience, the DOL expects to receive approximately 200 applications from an equal number of respondents. The ETA estimates public reporting burden for the information collection to average 20 hours per response for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining needed data, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

200 applications x 20 hours = 4000 hours.

The DOL has increased the average hourly earnings in the professional and business services industry to \$31.14 per hour to monetize this burden. See The Employment Situation—November 2016, DOL, Bureau of Labor Statistics, <https://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/empsit.pdf> at page 36.

4000 hours x \$31.14 = \$124,560.00

The DOL associates no other burden costs with this information collection. In addition to the application, each grantee will be required to submit quarterly financial, performance, and narrative reports to the ETA. Those information collection requirements will be cleared under a separate control number.

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

**Supplemental Supporting Statement B: Statistical Methods**

This information collection does not employ statistical methods.