



Growth Opportunities Program

OVERVIEW

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) Growth Opportunities (GO) grant initiative supports the placement of youth (15-18) and young adults (18-24) with school expulsion or justice system contact into paid work experiences aligned with their career and educational goals. It also provides funding for services such as mentorship, legal assistance, and transportation that support participants' participation and success. The goals of the grant include:

- ✓ Help youth avoid violence and build conflict resolution skills.
- ✓ Introduce and prepare youth for the world of work.
- ✓ Help youth identify career interests and attain skills and good work habits.
- ✓ Provide income to youth to start them on the path of earning living wages.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The GO program contributes to the comprehensive strategy to combat gun violence and other violent crime, in part, with preventative measures proven to reduce violent crime. The program is administered by the Reentry Employment Opportunities (REO) unit of ETA and is authorized under WIOA's demonstration grant authority in Section 169(b). Grant awards prioritize projects serving high-crime, high-poverty areas, as well as communities where students of color have disproportionate rates of expulsions and suspensions.

PROGRAM IMPACT

The GO program has awarded 31 grants, with an anticipated 5,606 individuals to be served. The grants will operate for 42 months, including 3 to 6 months provided to a planning period. Each young adult will receive at least 200 paid hours of work experience, as well as conflict resolution and leadership training.

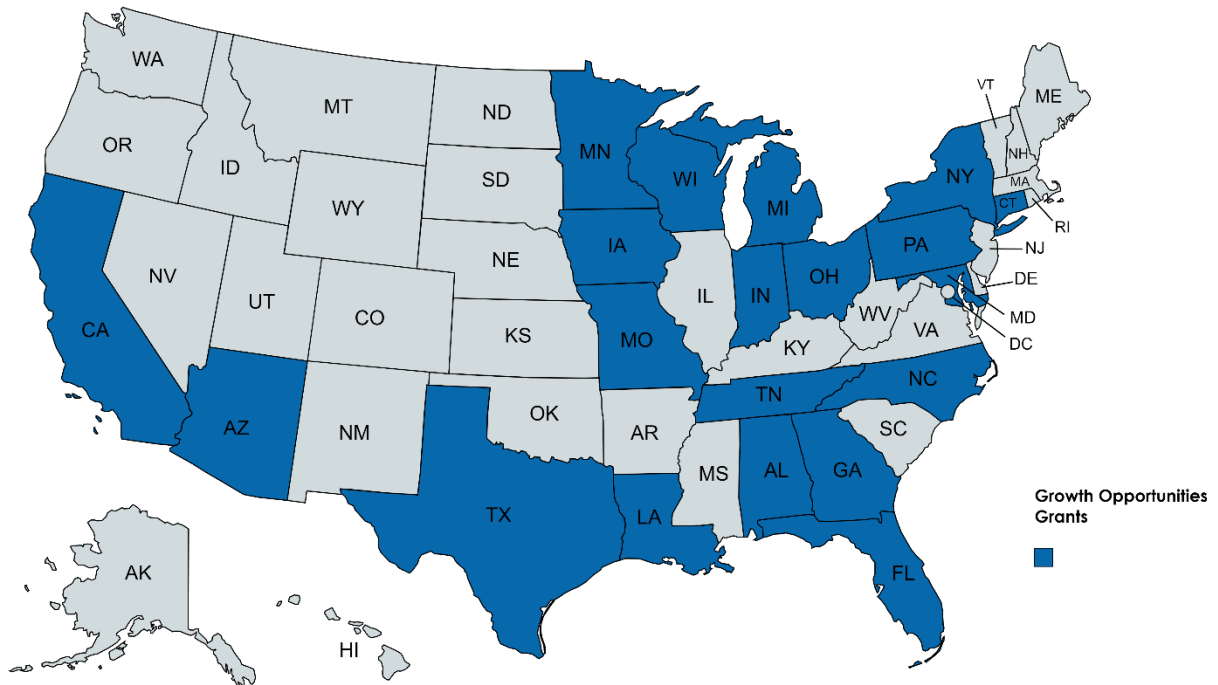
PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Justice-involved youth and young adults will be prepared for and introduced to the world of work through placement into paid work experiences. In addition, the program encompasses occupational education and training in in-demand industries, leadership development,

mentorship, and post-program placement into employment and/or education. These grants focus on youth and young adults most impacted by and associated with community violence, particularly in areas of concentrated crime, poverty, and significant recent community unrest.

GO grantees must have a violence prevention partner with significant experience in outreach to individuals with a high risk of committing violence (and/or becoming a victim) to interrupt the cycle of violence. Grantees must also have a regional or local justice system partner that collaborates with the violence prevention partner.

AWARDEES



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Grantee Organizations

Growth Opportunities Grant						
	GO 1 - \$33,311,239		GO 2 - \$ 43,268,819		GO 3 - \$12,000,000	
	Organization	Location	Organization	Location	Organization	Location
Region 1	Urban League of Rochester	Rochester, NY	Goodwill Industries International, Inc.	Rockville, MD	Local Initiatives Support Corporation	New York, NY
	STRIVE Int'l	New York, NY	National Urban League	New York, NY		
			PathStone Corporation	Rochester, NY		
			Our Piece of the Pie, Inc.	Hartford, CT		
Region 2	Garfield Jubilee Assoc.	Pittsburgh, PA				
	OIC of America	Philadelphia, PA				
Region 3	AMIKids, Inc.	Tampa, FL	Knoxville Leadership Foundation	Knoxville, TN	Metro Community Ministries Inc.	Fulton, GA
	Family Health International	Durham, NC	Land of Sky Regional Council	Ashville, NC		
	Gang Alternative	Little Haiti, FL				
	The Dannon Project	Birmingham, AL				
Region 4	SER-Jobs for Progress	Houston, TX	Ambassadors For Christ Youth Ministries	Houston, TX		
			Volunteers of America Southeast Louisiana	New Orleans, LA		
Region 5	Siouxland HIP	Siouxland City, Iowa	MERS/Missouri Goodwill Industries	Saint Louis, MO	Tri-County Jobs for Ohio's Graduates	Akron, Ohio
	Workforce Inc. aka Recycleforce	Indianapolis, IN	Peckham Vocational Industries, Inc.	Lansing, MI		
	MN Chippewa Tribe (White Earth Band)	Ogema, MN	Southwest Counseling Solutions	Detroit, MI		
	Midwest Urban Strategies	Milwaukee, WI	Towards Employment Incorporated	Cleveland, OH		
Region 6	Latino Coalition for Community Leadership (LCCL)	LA, CA	Epidaurus	Tucson, AZ		
	Homeboy Industries	LA, CA				