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# Understanding the DOL Grant Process

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## Objectives

- ETA Funding Overview
- Developing a Funding Opportunity Announcement
- Grant Application Process
- Common Application Errors
- What to Expect After Award



# DOL/ETA Appropriations

- **Fiscal Year:** October 1 to September 30
- **Program Year:** July 1 to June 30
- **Note:** Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) are program year funds



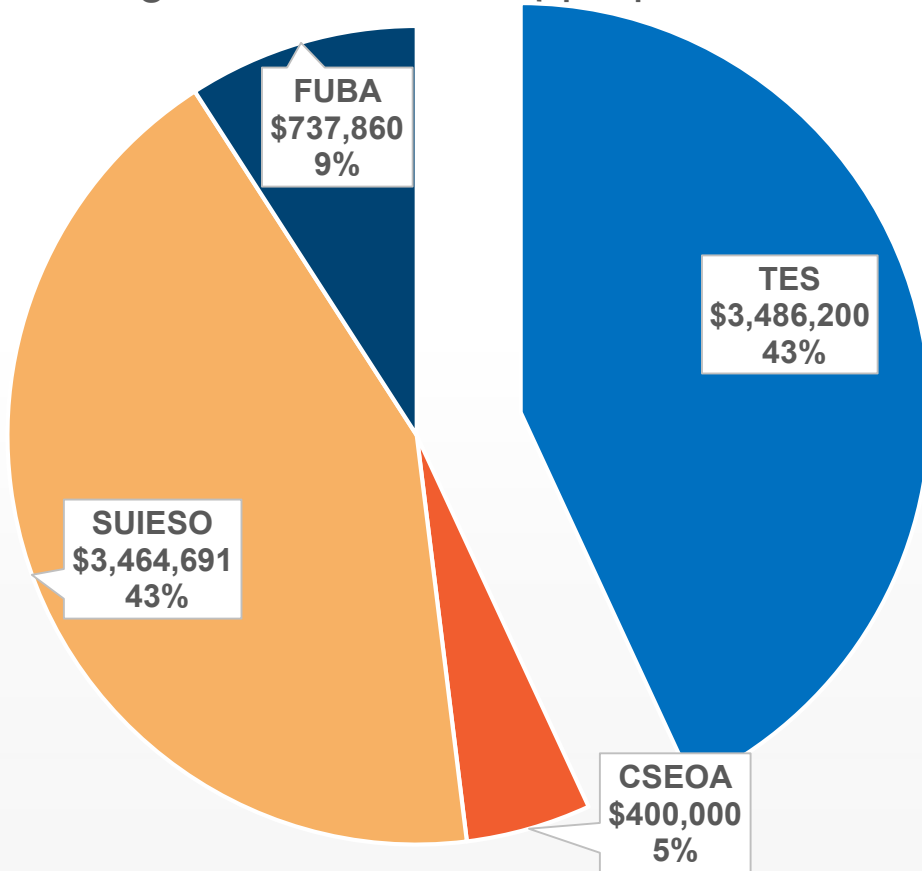
# DOL/ETA Appropriations

- **2018 Appropriation funds:**
  - Program Year 2018 obligations
  - Grants must be awarded by June 30, 2019



# Appropriation

Program Year 2018 Appropriation



## Legend

**FUBA:** Federal Unemployment Benefit and Allowances

**TES:** Training and Employment Services

**CSEOA:** Community Service Employment for Older Americans

**SUIESO:** State Unemployment Insurance and Employment Service Operations



# FOA Creation Process

- Review Evaluations/Data
- Review Technical Articles
- Talk to Senior Leadership
- Develop a Concept Paper
- Obtain Senior Leadership Approval
- Draft an Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)



## Competitive Process

- Publish the Opportunity
- Open Period
- Application Receipt
- Responsive Check
- Merit Review
- Risk Assessment
- Award Decision



## Common Applicant Errors

- Waiting to submit application at the last minute
- Leaving a page or part of an application out of the submission
- Failing to respond to the *must do* requirements
- Failing to include the required partners





## What to Expect After Award

- Grantee Orientation
- Getting to know your Federal Project Officer
- Technical Assistance
- Quarterly Reports: Performance, Financial
- Quarterly Desk Reviews
- Monitoring
- Audits



## What if My Application Was Not Selected?

- Check the common errors list
- Note that grant funding is very competitive and limited
- Request evaluative feedback via provided instructions
- Note that DOL does not have capacity to provide in-person debriefings
- Use this feedback to apply next year



**Questions?**