

News Release

U.S. Department of Labor Announces over \$42 Million in Youth Apprenticeship Readiness Grant Awards to Increase Youth Participation in Registered Apprenticeships

WASHINGTON, DC – The U.S. Department of Labor’s Employment and Training Administration (ETA) today announced the award of \$42,296,247 in Youth Apprenticeship Readiness grants to 14 organizations to increase participation by youth, ages 16 to 24, in new or existing Registered Apprenticeship Programs (RAPs).

“As young men and women prepare for productive careers in a changing economy, apprenticeships can provide valuable skills and job opportunities while avoiding large student loan debt,” said Secretary of Labor Eugene Scalia. “The grants announced today will play an important role in helping schools and other educational entities expand apprenticeship opportunities for young Americans.”

“The Youth Apprenticeship Readiness grants continue the U.S. Department of Labor’s and the President’s commitment to expanding the apprenticeship model here in America,” said Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training John Pallasch. “These grants will provide young people with new apprenticeship opportunities that can lead to successful and fulfilling careers.”

In June 2017, the President issued an Executive Order on Expanding Apprenticeships in America that focused on developing new apprenticeships in secondary and post-secondary institutions and increasing youth participation. This grant program supports the order to expand access to youth apprenticeships, to promote pre-apprenticeship programs, and to develop a strong youth apprenticeship pipeline.

These grants will allow educational entities—including traditional, alternative, and non-traditional schools; and programs that serve out-of-school youth, school boards, workforce boards, employers, workforce partners, and other apprenticeship intermediaries—to partner to develop and establish new apprenticeship models for youth or expand existing apprenticeship programs for youth.

Grant recipients will seek to expand opportunities to prepare 16 to 24 year old registered apprentices for careers in industries including manufacturing, information technology, cybersecurity, and healthcare.

The recipients of these Youth Apprenticeship Readiness grants are as follows:

Applicant	City	State	Area(s) Served	Amount
Alaska Works Partnership Inc.	Anchorage	AK	Alaska	\$1,964,547
CareerWise Colorado	Denver	CO	Denver and Fort Collins-Loveland metro areas and Eagle County, Indianapolis metro area and Elkhart County/Northern Indiana; New York City metro area; Washington, D.C.metro area; and communities in Maryland and Virginia	\$5,000,000
The WorkPlace	Bridgeport	CT	Connecticut	\$1,997,046
Delaware Department of Education	Dover	DE	Delaware	\$2,499,999
Northwest Florida State College	Niceville	FL	Okaloosa and Walton counties	\$1,497,320
AMIkids Inc.	Tampa	FL	Hillsborough and Pinellas counties	\$2,499,999
Idaho Workforce Development Council	Boise	ID	Idaho	\$2,490,630

Applicant	City	State	Area(s) Served	Amount
Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity	Lansing	MI	Michigan	\$4,881,369
Board of Regents, Nevada System of Higher Education	Reno	NV	Nevada	\$2,496,233
Oklahoma Department of Commerce	Oklahoma City	OK	Oklahoma	\$1,499,999
Easter Seals TriState LLC	Cincinnati	OH	Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana metro area and Butler, Clermont, Hamilton and Warren counties	\$1,499,628
South Carolina State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education	Columbia	SC	South Carolina	\$4,499,999
Alamo Community College District (Palo Alto College)	San Antonio	TX	Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe, Kendall, Kerr and Wilson counties; and Kerrville, New Braunfels, San Antonio and Seguin	\$4,470,000

Applicant	City	State	Area(s) Served	Amount
National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation	Washington	DC	Colorado, Delaware, Louisiana and Maryland	\$4,999,478
Total				\$42,296,247

Please visit <https://www.apprenticeship.gov/> to learn more about the Department's broader efforts to connect career seekers with apprenticeship opportunities and expand apprenticeship into new sectors and industries.

The mission of the Department of Labor is to foster, promote and develop the welfare of the wage earners, job seekers and retirees of the United States; improve working conditions; advance opportunities for profitable employment; and assure work-related benefits and rights.

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