

## News Release

# U.S. Department of Labor Awards More Than \$90 Million in Grants to Help Justice-Involved Individuals Enter the Workforce

**WASHINGTON, DC** – The U.S. Department of Labor today announced the awarding of \$90,992,062 through two grant programs, Pathway Home and the Young Adult Reentry Partnership (YARP), focused on assisting justice-involved individuals in gaining meaningful employment. U.S. Secretary of Labor Eugene Scalia traveled to Boston, Massachusetts, today to make the announcement with Pathway Home grant awardee Volunteers of America of Massachusetts.

“President Trump and his Administration believe in providing a second chance to Americans who have served their time in the criminal justice system,” said Secretary of Labor Eugene Scalia. “These grants reflect this commitment to helping all Americans find jobs and participate meaningfully in the economy. The assistance the grants provide to men and women transitioning back into society will be especially valuable as we overcome the economic challenges posed by coronavirus.”

“These grants support proactive and comprehensive approaches to engage justice-involved individuals seeking a second chance and a path to rewarding and sustainable careers,” said Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training John Pallasch. “Research shows early and frequent engagement prior to release from incarceration reduces the risk of recidivism, so these grants are vital to stopping the revolving door of prison from turning.”

The Department announced the awarding of \$64,395,062 in Pathway Home grants to 20 recipients serving 15 states to assist in the transition of justice-involved adults back to the workplace. Awarded under the Reentry Employment Opportunities (REO) program, Pathway Home grants offer valuable support to organizations that provide reentry services to improve employment outcomes for adults involved in the criminal justice system. Grant recipients will offer individuals a variety of services designed to help ease their transition back to society, including education and training, job preparation, case management and needs assessments, career exploration and planning, legal assistance, counseling, and assistance connecting to other important social services.

The list of Pathway Home grant awardees is provided below:

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Serving</b>	<b>Award</b>
The Dannon Project	Birmingham	AL	City of Birmingham; Jefferson, Montgomery, St. Clair, Thomasville and Wetumpka counties	\$4,000,000
GRID Alternatives	Fresno	CA	Fresno, Kings, Madera and Merced counties	\$2,388,759
County of Ventura Human Services	Ventura	CA	Ventura County	\$2,417,711
Colorado Dept. of Labor and Employment	Denver	CO	Denver Metro and Pikes Peak	\$3,998,578
Opportunities Industrialization Center of South Florida	Oakland Park	FL	Broward and Miami- Dade counties	\$4,000,000
Tampa Bay Academy of Hope Inc.	Tampa	FL	Hillsborough, Pasco and Polk counties	\$4,000,000
Workforce Inc.	Indianapolis	IN	Marion County	\$4,000,000
Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Louisiana	New Orleans	LA	Assumption, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Jefferson, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the	\$3,479,989

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			Baptist, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Washington and West Baton Rouge Parishes	
Volunteers of America Massachusetts Inc.	Jamaica Plain	MA	Essex County	\$4,000,000
American Indian Opportunities Industrialization Center	Minneapolis	MN	North and South Minneapolis	\$3,220,570
Southeast Minnesota Private Industry Council (dba Workforce Development Inc.)	Rochester	MN	Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Houston, Mower, Olmsted, Rice, Steele and Wabasha counties	\$1,594,300
Family Resource Center South Atlantic	Raleigh	NC	Franklin, Halifax and Vance counties	\$2,572,242
Schenectady Community Action Program	Schenectady	NY	Schenectady County	\$849,892
Ohio Department of Job and Family Services	Columbus	OH	Belmont, Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, Marion, Montgomery and Summit counties	\$4,000,000
Ohio Area 7 Consortium of Chief Elected Officials	Springfield	OH	Highland, Lawrence, Miami, Montgomery	\$4,000,000

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			and Sandusky counties	
The Mental Health Association of Oregon	Portland	OR	Portland metro area	\$3,967,635
Opportunities Industrialization Centers of America	Philadelphia	PA	Philadelphia, Harrisburg and Norristown	\$4,000,000
Knoxville Leadership Foundation	Knoxville	TN	Knox County	\$2,770,428
South Central Tennessee Workforce Alliance	Spring Hill	TN	Giles, Lawrence, Maury and Wayne counties	\$1,630,417
Midwest Urban Strategies	Milwaukee	WI	Wichita, KS; Kansas City, MO; and Pittsburgh, PA	\$3,504,541
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$64,395,062</b>

In addition, the Department announced the awarding of \$26,597,000 in Young Adult Reentry Partnership (YARP) grants to help establish partnerships with community colleges and connect justice-involved young adults with apprenticeships and other opportunities in growing industries such as informational technology, healthcare and energy. By focusing on community colleges, these grants will support the development of educational programs that provide skills that meet the needs of area industries and employers. The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014 authorizes the REO program.

The list of awardees for the Young Adult Reentry Partnership (YARP) grants is provided below:

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Latino Coalition for Community Leadership	Santa Barbara	CA	Bakersfield; Los Angeles; Orange County, CA; and Denver, CO	\$4,298,500
Goodwill Industries International	Rockville	MD	North Georgia; Atlanta, GA; Louisville, KY; Muskegon, Muskegon Heights, MI; Pittsburgh, East Pittsburgh and McKeesport, PA	\$4,500,000
FHI 360 (dba Family Health Int'l)	Durham	NC	Colorado Springs; Denver, CO; Baltimore, MD; Hartford, CT; Crossett, AR; and Los Angeles, CA	\$4,298,500
National Urban League	New York	NY	Essex County, NJ; Hartford, CT; Fulton County, GA; New Orleans, Baton Rouge, LA; and Oklahoma City, OK	\$4,500,000
PathStone Corp.	Rochester	NY	Monroe County, Erie County, NY;	\$4,500,000

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			Chester, Coatesville, West Chester Borough and Reading, PA	
Opportunities Industrialization Centers of America Inc.	Philadelphia	PA	Philadelphia, Harrisburg, PA; Eastern Broward County, FL; and Greater Rocky Mount Area, NC	\$4,500,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$26,597,000</b>

ETA administers federal government job training and worker dislocation programs, federal grants to states for public employment service programs, and unemployment insurance benefits. State and local workforce development systems primarily provide these services.

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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