

MASSACHUSETTS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM

# Mass Workforce Issuance

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**To:** Chief Elected Officials  
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Career Center Directors  
Title I Fiscal Officers  
DCS Operations Managers

**cc:** WIOA State Partners

**From:** Alice Sweeney, Director  
Department of Career Services

**Date:** May 21, 2018

**Subject:** **New Funding Opportunity – Mentoring Opportunities for Youth Initiative - Call for Ideas**

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**Purpose:** The Department of Career Services is seeking input from local areas with regard to the US Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Grants to *FY 2018 Mentoring Opportunities for Youth Initiative* released May 15, 2018.

**Background:** This solicitation supports applicant organizations as they strengthen and/or expand their existing mentoring activities with active chapters or subawardees and/or other mentoring organizations. Mentoring activities include direct one-on-one, group, peer, or a combination of these types of mentoring services for at-risk and high-risk youth populations. Successful mentoring programs include matches between a mentor and one or more youth. Mentoring can take place in multiple and informal settings and in a school or program context. Mentoring promotes positive behaviors, attitudes, and outcomes for youth and reduces risk factors associated with delinquency and juvenile justice system involvement, such as poor school attendance, school failure, and alcohol and drug abuse. It has been shown to improve academic performance and/or social or job skills, support behavioral or other personal development, and reduce consumption of alcohol and other drugs.

<b>Funding Opportunity:</b>	<a href="#">OJJDP-2018-13523</a>
<b>Application Deadline:</b>	June 28, 2018 – electronically via <a href="http://www.grants.gov">www.grants.gov</a>
<b>Award Range (Category 5):</b>	\$1,250,000
<b>Expected Number of Awards:</b>	Up to 6
<b>Period of Performance:</b>	36 months
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Native American tribal governments, Nonprofits w/501(c)(3) status, other than institutions of higher ed, Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility"), State governments, For profit organizations other than small businesses
<b>Eligible Participants:</b>	Youth 17 years or older at time of admission to the program

This solicitation offers five categories. A State application is allowable for Category 5 funding - *Statewide and Regional Mentoring Initiative for Youth Impacted by Opioids*. Grants will be awarded to eligible applicants that support statewide or regional approaches to expanding mentoring services for the targeted youth.

The **goals** of these grants are to improve outcomes, such as improved academic performance and reduced school dropout rates, for at-risk and high-risk youth, and reduce negative outcomes (including juvenile delinquency, substance use, and gang participation) through mentoring. To achieve this goal, **objectives** focus on supporting eligible programs to (1) provide quality mentoring services tailored to the needs of the identified at-risk and high-risk youth target population and (2) align grantees' mentoring programs with research and evidence on effective mentoring practices.

#### **Action**

**Requested:** Please share with management, staff and partners as appropriate.

Please review solicitation OJJDP-2018-13523 in its entirety. If your local area is interested in submitting a project idea for consideration, please develop a **2 – 3 page summary** of the proposed project *using the attached template*.

EOLWD, DCS and Partners will review and consider all submissions with the goal of configuring 1 – 3 local proposed project ideas into an application.

Please to submit ideas for this funding opportunity to Leslie Seifried at [Leslie.Seifried@MassMail.State.MA.US](mailto:Leslie.Seifried@MassMail.State.MA.US) by close of business **May 25, 2018**. Please note: late submissions will not be reviewed.

**Attachment:** A. Proposal Template