



YOUNG ADULT REENTRY PARTNERSHIP

Launched in the summer of 2020, Young Adult Reentry Partnership (YARP) grants help intermediary organizations establish partnerships with community colleges and connect justice-involved young adults with apprenticeships and other opportunities in growth industries such as information technology, healthcare and energy. By focusing on community colleges, these grants will support the development of training and educational programs that provide skills to meet the needs of local area industries and employers.

Grantees through their sub-grantees establish partnerships with their local community colleges. The colleges design their courses and career pathways program curricula with an eye towards local industries needs and employment opportunities. Authorized by DOL Appropriations Act 2019 (Pub. L.115-245) and Section 169 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), the programs offer other foundational skills such as job readiness, employability, and job search strategies, along with work experience and occupational training that will lead to industry-recognized credentials.

Consulting with workforce boards, employers and labor unions in the local communities, the programs identify specific career pathways or occupations for selected industries and high-growth jobs. YARP programs provide employment-focused services, education, case management, job placement services, legal services, assistance with securing identification and other needs-related services.

Individuals eligible to participate in YARP projects are at least 18 years and not older than 24 years of age; currently or previously incarcerated; involved with the justice system; low-income; eligible to enroll in a community college; and resides in or are returning to the targeted geographic service area. Ten percent of project participants may be individuals who have not been involved in the justice system and left high school prior to receiving a degree.

In 2020 and 2021 ETA awarded grants of up to \$4,500,000 million to six intermediary organizations each year. Intermediaries are organizations with affiliate networks or offices in at least three communities. These grants have a 42-month period of performance, which include planning, a required 24-month period of employment and training services, and a required 12-month period for follow-up services for each participant. The 12 grantees are located in approximately 28 states across the country and are expected to serve over 6,000 participants.

Grantees report on five of the six primary WIOA performance indicators, which are:

- Education & Employment Rate – Second Quarter After Exit
- Education & Employment Rate – Fourth Quarter After Exit

- Median Earnings – Second Quarter After Exit
- Credential Attainment (REO-specific program goal of 60 percent)
- Measurable Skill Gains

Additionally, grantees are also expected to meet or exceed their enrollment goals as well as track, report and meet their recidivism rate, which should be lower than the recidivism rate of the state in which the grantee is operating.

Link to the YARP Funding Opportunity Announcement:

- YARP-1: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=325079>
- YARP-2: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=332009>