

Federal Grant Opportunity

Title/Number:	Serving Young Adult Ex-Offenders through Training and Service Learning, SGA/DFA-PY-11-03
Date Issued:	February 16, 2012
Issuing Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration
Funding Source:	Workforce Investment Act of Reintegration of Ex-Offenders (RExO)
Amount Available:	\$30 million
Number of awards:	Minimum of 20
Range of Amounts:	Up to \$1.5 million
Eligible Applicants:	Any non-profit organization with IRS 501(c)(3) status, unit of state or local government, or any Indian and Native American entity eligible for grants under WIA Section 166 may apply for these grants. An organization may submit only one application.
Target Population:	Young adult offenders ages 18 through 21 who have been involved in the juvenile justice system from the age of 14 or above and have never been convicted as an adult under Federal or State law.
Mandated Partners:	In addition to the links to employers, the local workforce investment system's One-Stop Career Center(s), Workforce Investment Boards (WIBs), local economic development agencies, community colleges, and four-year colleges described in the Career Development and Post-Program Support and Follow-Up components, each Program funded under this SGA will be expected to develop partnerships with the local juvenile justice system and Social Service agencies.
Deadline:	April 17, 2012, 4:00 PM Eastern Time
Period of Performance:	30 months (up to 4 months for planning and a minimum of 26 months of operation)
Synopsis:	Training provided through these grants is expected to lead to credentials recognized by in demand industries in the grantee's geographic area to be served. Service-learning projects conducted through these grants must integrate meaningful community service with instruction and reflection that enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility, and encourage lifelong civic engagement. Such projects can help rebuild severed relationships between the returning offender and members of the community while developing the participant's workplace skills, such as leadership and time management. Through service-learning, returning offenders are offered the opportunity to

reestablish community-based trust while enhancing their work-based skills and status in their communities.

Required Activities: Allowable uses of grant funds for projects funded under these grants include but are not necessarily limited to the following activities: 1) Service-learning, career development, and education activities; 2) Case management, supportive services and related activities; 3) Leadership and personal development activities that seek to develop cognitive and soft skills that participants will need to succeed in future jobs and that support one or more workplace competencies; and 4) Follow-up services that focus on job retention, retention in education and training, wage gains, and career progress through regular contact with employers, educational institutions, and other post-placement supporting agencies.

Internet Link: http://www.doleta.gov/grants/pdf/training_and_service_learning_sga.pdf

Other: Cost sharing or matching funds are not required as a condition for application.

The Department anticipates the approximate cost per participant to be in the range of \$12,000 to \$16,000.

The Department expects that participants will be enrolled in these programs full-time, as defined by a minimum of 32-hours per week, including time spent in both the service-learning and educational components. Programs may enroll participants for up to one-year terms, inclusive of the follow-up period, with the understanding that participants may leave the program before completion to take other jobs or for personal or conduct-related reasons.