

# FY16 Promise Zone Benefits from Partnering Agencies

**Agency:** Department of Labor

**Branch:** Employment and Training Administration

**Programs with PZ Benefits:**

Reentry Employment Opportunities

## **Reentry Employment Opportunities (REO): Reentry Demonstration Projects for Young Adults (RDP)**

**Website:** <https://www.doleta.gov/REO/aboutREO.cfm>

**Benefit Type:** Grant Competition

**Eligible Communities:** Urban, Rural, and Tribal

**Funding Availability:** The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) plans to use approximately \$30,250,000 in grant funds authorized by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) to fund seven RDP grant projects. Grantees will be Intermediary organizations that have an affiliate network or offices in at least three communities and across at least two states.

**Benefits to Promise Zone:** Priority Consideration

**Program Description:** The RDP project will blend evidence-based and informed interventions in order to increase placement in education and employment prospects for justice involved young adults. These RDP grantees will identify the largest possible target area to recruit in order to successfully meet their targets. The intent of this initiative is to protect community safety through the successful reintegration of offenders returning to the community by ensuring that offenders: become productive, responsible, and law-abiding citizens; are provided with positive opportunities to engage in pro-social activities such as employment or education; maintain long-term employment; sustain a stable residence; and successfully address their substance abuse issues and mental health needs. The design and methods for these ETA projects will be based on current evidence and research of “what works” as well as promising practices. All RDP grantees agree to participate in a rigorous evaluation of their projects.

**Eligibility/Target Population:** Young adults between the ages of 18 to 24 that have been involved in the juvenile or adult justice system, residing in high-poverty, high-crime communities.

**2016 Grants:** This new initiative is anticipated to announce grant awards in June 2016. The Funding Opportunity Announcement for this grant program can be found here: <https://www.doleta.gov/grants/pdf/FOA-ETA-16-06.pdf>.