

FY15 Promise Zone Benefits from Partnering Agencies

Agency: Department of Labor

Programs with PZ Benefits: Training to Work 3

Branch: Employment and Training Administration

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Website: <http://www.doleta.gov/#>

Benefit Type: Grant Competition

Eligible Communities: Urban, Rural, and Tribal

Funding Availability: The Department of Labor (DOL) expects to award approximately 20 grants with a maximum value of \$1,360,000 each to provide training and employment services for men and women, ages 18 and older (including veterans), who participate in state or local work-release programs.

Application Deadline: May 1, 2015. Applications must be received no later than 4:00 PM Eastern Time.

Benefits to Promise Zone: 2 bonus points

Program Description: Training to Work grants will fund sustainable efforts to develop and adopt career pathway models — an approach designed to link and coordinate education and training services for individuals to obtain industry recognized credentials. With these credentials, these workers can find meaningful employment and meet the needs of local employers in growing sectors and industries.

Grant applicants must be located in an area with high poverty and high crime rates, including Promise Zones — communities which often have a larger proportion of returning citizens and higher rates of recidivism. Applicants will also be required to establish a committed Career Pathways Collaborative led by the grantee, and consist of representatives from the workforce system, work release programs, and employers and/or industry associations. The CPC leadership team will create a comprehensive program. Selected applicants will be expected to include the following components in their proposals: case management, mentoring services, educational activities, training that leads to industry-recognized credentials, workforce activities, and follow-up services.

Eligibility/Target Population: Adult reentry programs focus on service to individuals 18 years old and older who have been convicted as an adult and imprisoned.

The Funding Opportunity Announcement, which includes information about how to apply, is available at <http://www.grants.gov>.