

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): Pathways to Justice Careers for Youth (PJC)

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

Benefit Type: Grant Competition

Eligible Communities: High-poverty, high-crime communities

Funding Availability: The Department of Labor plans to award approximately 5 grants of up to \$1,000,000 each, as authorized by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

Benefits to Promise Zone: Priority Consideration

Program Description: Pathways to Justice Careers grant program is modeled after the Department's Training and Service-Learning grants which provided career exploration, hands-on training at jobsites and mentoring in selected career fields. Further, PJsCs will use the career pathways model to ensure participants are prepared to enter the workforce, post-secondary education or Registered Apprenticeship. A Career Pathways is a coherent, articulated sequence of rigorous academic and career/technical courses resulting in educational and skills credentials. The goal of these projects is for students to graduate from high school ready to move into post-secondary education, advanced technical education or employment in high-demand occupations. PJC grants offer the opportunity for communities and local law enforcement and justice agencies to work together to form better relationships in their communities through motivated and empowered young people acting as positive influences in their communities.

Eligibility/Target Population: In-school youth ages 16 to 21 that are eligible to graduate within 2 years and are at risk of dropping out of school or at risk of entanglement in the criminal justice system, or both. The eligible youth must be enrolled in a public secondary school or alternative secondary school.

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-16-09.pdf>.