

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Request For Proposals–Bidders Conference Wednesday, June 1, 2016

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS & REMINDERS–updated June 9, 2016

Q. Do you anticipate this being the only time that WIOA youth funding will be available for grants during FY17? If not, when would the next grant be?
A. Yes this will be the only time WIOA youth funding will be available FY17 & FY18. If organizations perform well during the 2016–2017 contract year they will be eligible for renewal for the 2017–2018 contract year. A new WIOA youth RFP will be released tentatively in May 2018.

Q. How much total grant funding is available for distribution in FY17 and specifically for the RFP due on June 22?
A. MOED has not received their final WIOA funding allocation from the State of Maryland. In the past we have been able to fund between 3–5 grants based on the youth allocation.

Q. If this is a competitive grant year (and not a continuation grant year), would the open period for applications usually be 45 days?
A. The RFP distributed May 19, 2016 is for a competitive grant year. We used the same open period that we used in past youth RFP's.

Q. Are both currently funded grants/organizations and new organization applicants both eligible to apply or just new applicants?
A. Currently funded programs and new organizations are eligible to apply for funding. Currently awarded organizations are required to go through the same RFP process as new organizations.

Q. Would currently funded organizations need to apply for a different training program than one currently funded by WIA funds (given WIOA and the new Maryland State Plan)?
A. The five current WIOA awarded are funded with WIOA funds. They were not funded with WIA funds. They have current training programs that are acceptable under WIOA and fall in line with the Maryland State Plan.

Q. Is there minimum or maximum grant level/amount for a grant application?
A. A minimum or maximum can not be determined until MOED receives their funding allocation from the state.

Q. What is the estimate number of youth to serve?
A. Programs are expected to serve a minimum of 30–40 youth.



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Q. Is this a cost reimbursing, performance based and or both?

A. Awarded programs are required to submit monthly invoices with the appropriate back up documentation. Payment is only made for approved items that correspond with the Board of Estimates approved budget/line items.

Q. Will space or equipment be provided?

A. MOED does not provide programming space or equipment for awardees.

Q. What are some examples of industry recognized occupational skills training that would be acceptable with the WIOA Youth RFP submission?

A. Occupational skills training is training typically delivered to participants through community–college, industry partners, and/or private career schools to provide them with employer–driven, specific vocational skills at entry, intermediate or advanced levels. Occupational skills training leads participants to proficiency in performing actual tasks and technical functions that are required by certain industries. After completing this training, participants will receive industry recognized certificates. Local Workforce Development Areas (LWDA'S) shall give priority consideration for training programs that lead to recognized post–secondary credentials that align with in–demand industry sectors or occupations in the local area involved. *Training examples include Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)/Geriatric Nursing Assistant (GNA); ECG/EKG Technician Training; CompTIA A+/Network; Home Inspector Training; Building Property Maintenance; Green Job Careers, National Retail Federation, etc.*

Q. What is the correct age range for WIOA out of school youth to be served?

A. Effective July 1, 2015, each child who resides in Maryland and is 5 years old or older and under 17 shall attend a public school regularly during the entire school year, unless the child is otherwise exempted due to attainment of a high school diploma or GED; is receiving regular, thorough instruction during the school year in the studies usually taught in the public schools to children of the same age or has completed such instruction; is married; is active military; attends an alternate education program; or is within any other exemptions listed in Education Article, §7–301, Annotated Code of Maryland. Effective July 1, 2017, the age for compulsory public school attendance will change to ages 5–18. (Source: Education Article, §7–301, Annotated Code of Maryland (Age for Compulsory Public School Attendance)). **This WIOA Youth RFP issued in July 2016 will fund programs for out-of-school youth 17–24 years of age.**

REMINDER: Questions about the RFP will be answered until Wednesday, June 8, 2016.

REMINDER: Make sure your narrative matches the budget being submitted.

REMINDER: Responses to FAQ's can be found on

<http://moed.baltimorecity.gov/resources>

<http://moed.baltimorecity.gov/youth-services>

<http://www.baltoworkforce.com/resources.htm>

