



American Youth Policy Forum

Additional Federal Opportunities and Resources

Creating a System of High-Quality Education Options to Serve All Students: Denver, CO
February 15-17, 2017

Federal Funding Opportunities

Education Innovation and Research (EIR) Grants

A successor program of the Investing in Innovation (i3) grants, EIR grants are available in three forms (Early-Phase, Mid-Phase, and Expansion) with the purpose of improving achievement and attainment for high needs students through innovative, evidence-based solutions. EIR priority options for early-phase grants include improving school climate, increasing post-secondary preparedness, and reengagement of disconnected youth. Twenty-five percent of funds are reserved for rural applicants.

- Notice of Intent: February 13, 2017 (not required)
- Application Deadline: April 13, 2017
- EIR Website - <https://innovation.ed.gov/what-we-do/innovation/education-innovation-and-research-eir/>

Performance Partnership Pilots for Disconnected Youth (P3)

This program allows States, localities, regions and Tribes to test innovative, outcome-focused strategies to achieve improvements in education, employment, and other outcomes for disconnected youth. Through flexibility in the use of discretionary funds (formula and competitive grants) across multiple Federal programs, the program lessens administrative burden.

- Round 3 (FY 2016) grant application closed
- Round 4 (FY 2017) not announced
- P3 Website - <http://youth.gov/youth-topics/reconnecting-youth/performance-partnership-pilots>

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

WIOA reauthorizes the nation's workforce training, adult education, and vocational rehabilitation programs, with an increased focus on the country's most vulnerable workers. The new legislation requires that a larger percentage of state and local youth funds go toward out-of-school youth (75% compared to 30% under its predecessor the Workforce Investment Act). There has been an attempt to coordinate more closely with both the Department of Education and Department of Health and Human Services.

- WIOA Website Homepage - https://www.doleta.gov/WIOA/eta_default.cfm

Juvenile Justice Reentry Education Program: Opening Doors to College and Careers through Career and Technical Education (JJ-REP)

JJ-REP seeks to improve the outcomes for justice-involved youth through careers and technical education programs in juvenile justice facilities, wrap around reentry supports and services, and post release education and workforce opportunities. In 2016, the U.S. Department of Education awarded a total of \$1.9 million in discretionary funds to four applicants.

- FY 2017 grant application not announced
- Perkins Collaborative Resource Network JJ-REP Overview - <http://cte.ed.gov/initiatives/juvenile-justice-reentry-education-program>

Things to Watch

Leveraging and Energizing America's Apprenticeship Programs (LEAP) Act *re-introduced on February 15, 2017*

Re-introduced by Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) and Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ), the LEAP Act is a bi-partisan bill that seeks to reengage opportunity youth by increasing apprenticeships through a new federal tax credit for employers. The LEAP Act will offer a \$1,000 federal tax credit to companies for each new apprentice they hire.

- S. 574—114th Congress 2015-2016 (First Introduction) - <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/574>
- Re-introduction of LEAP Act at Opportunity Nation Event - <http://us8.campaign-archive2.com/?u=83aae65577becba8306f56c3c&id=05a8f29dbc&e=243d413832>

The Opening Doors for Youth Act (ODFY) *expected to be re-introduced with some changes in March/April 2017*

Sponsored by Rep. Bobby Scott of Virginia, this legislation seeks to connect at-risk youth and opportunity youth with employment opportunities, and support communities in the transition of youth from school to work, through a combination of formula and competitive grants.

- ODFY Fact Sheet (from prior legislation) - <http://democrats-edworkforce.house.gov/imo/media/doc/2016-09-22%20Opening%20Doors%20for%20Youth%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf>

100,000 (100K) Opportunities Initiative

An employer-led youth focused coalition of national leaders, companies, innovators, and foundations dedicated to creating pathways towards economic prosperity and employment for opportunity youth.

- 100,000 Opportunities Website - <https://www.100kopportunities.org/>
- The Aspen Institute Forum for Community Solutions 100,000 Opportunities Overview - <http://aspencommunitysolutions.org/100kopportunitiesinitiative/>

Opportunity Youth Network (OYN)

Launched in 2013, OYN engages leading funders, corporations, government officials, non-profits, and opportunity youth with the goal of reducing the number of 16-24 year olds who are not in school and not working by one million over five years.

- Opportunity Youth Network Website - <https://aspencommunitysolutions.org/the-fund/opportunity-youth-network/>
- To subscribe to the OYN e-newsletter (OYNNews) - https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=001ren6CatllGEuEqM_DCR32BwmoskTFFEFdSkPP5MflkCzXlVV9ZnBTnvQLws8gQtz6NYKEVqqcZRJEcIPLFJuWbOhHN9txXaBrkEv7yPTz-w%3D

Reengagement Network

A network of various stakeholders involved in the reengagement of out-of-school youth. Managed by the National League of Cities, Network participants can utilize technical assistance, referrals to peers and consultants, opportunities for communication/collaboration, and more.

- <http://www.nlc.org/reengagement>
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