

**1. Is there a requirement to co-enroll individuals in [WIOA](#)?**

There is no requirement for co-enrollment in WIOA under this grant; however, those organizations that have the ability and/or requirement to enroll in WIOA may choose to do so.

**2. What is the CFDA number?**

The CFDA numbers are 17.258, 17.259 and 17.278.

**3. Can participant wages be paid?**

Yes, so long as they are structured as an *On-the-Job Training* experience. As defined in the Solicitation on page 3, an OJT is training by an employer that is provided to a paid participant while engaged in productive work in a job that:

- Provides knowledge or skills essential to the full and adequate performance of the job;
- Is made available through a program that provides reimbursement to the employer of up to 50 percent of the wage rate of the participant... for the extraordinary costs of providing the training and additional supervision related to the training; and,
- Is limited in duration as appropriate to the occupation for which the participant is being trained, taking into account the content of the training, the prior work experience of the participant, and the service strategy of the participant, as appropriate.

**4. Is there a deadline to submit the Letter of Intent to apply?**

While there is no deadline to submit a Letter of Intent to apply, it would be helpful to have this information by March 16<sup>th</sup>. Failure to submit by March 16<sup>th</sup> does not disqualify an applicant from applying but may result in your organization not receiving any updates to the Solicitation.

**5. Is there a template for the Intent to Apply notification?**

No, notifications can be made via email and should simply state that your organization intends to apply for funding through the Workforce Solutions to Address Homelessness grant. Intent to Apply notifications should be sent to [casey.tiefenwerth1@maryland.gov](mailto:casey.tiefenwerth1@maryland.gov).

**6. Is there a funding match required?**

There is no funding match requirement but leveraged resources are strongly encouraged.

**7. Can you explain what is meant by geographic diversity? Do you mean working with multiple counties?**

Applicants may take a regional approach in their application. Because homelessness is a statewide issue, Labor encourages applicants from jurisdictions across the State to apply and seeks to fund proposals from different regions in the state.

**8. Will Labor consider applications that take a non-regional approach such as a city-focused program or one that supports several counties but not an entire region?**

Yes, Labor would consider a city-focused program or one that supports several counties but not an entire region.

**9. Would individuals in foster care qualify to be served under this grant?**

Successful applicants will serve individuals experiencing homelessness or at-risk of becoming homeless, as defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Please refer to Section 3.II.B for specific definitions.

**10. The Supportive Services described in the Solicitation – is this limited to WIOA-defined supportive services or can we use the definition/policy of our homeless provider partners?**

The Solicitation utilizes WIOA-defined supportive services. However, the Solicitation does allow for “Other” supportive services to be proposed. Supportive services falling into the “Other” category should be appropriate and necessary for a participant’s success in obtaining and retaining employment and should be described in detail in the proposal.

**11. Is the Solicitation currently on the website?**

Yes.

**12. Can faith-based groups apply?**

Yes, as long as the group is also an eligible entity listed in the Solicitation on Pages 2 and 5.

**13. Do organizations who provide services in multiple counties need to submit separate letters of interest and applications for each county?**

The Department expects to make up to three awards and is focused on geographic diversity. As such, we recommend applicants employ a regional approach.

**14. Do applicants who provide both employment and homelessness services need to have additional partners?**

Yes. The Solicitation states on page 6 that “MD Labor requires applicants to establish partnerships that bring together at least two organizations that have documented expertise.” If an organization has demonstrated expertise in both areas, they still need to partner with another organization; however, they can choose whether that organization specializes in employment or homelessness based on the needs of the proposed project.

**15. Will sub-grantees be paid directly by the State?**

No, only lead applicants will receive reimbursement from Labor. It is then the lead applicant’s responsibility to reimburse or pay sub-grantees for services.