
Federal Workforce Development Resources for Local Governments and Other Stakeholders

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand
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**Note: This document will be continuously updated as information becomes available*

Section I - Federal Formula Funding Opportunities

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)-Funded New York State Workforce Development Boards

Funding through WIOA is the primary source of federal support for local workforce development activities. Funding is allocated by formula to New York State, which then provides funding to local Workforce Development Boards (WDBs) for the planning and implementation of local workforce development initiatives. Local WDBs are required to support employment and training activities in “in-demand” occupations, as defined by local WDBs in consultation with the New York State Department of Labor. It is important to note that WIOA formula funds do not typically fund training providers directly. Rather, funds flow through individuals by way of Individual Training Accounts (ITAs) to institutions to pay for the costs of training. New York has 33 local WDBs spread throughout each geographic region of the state. WDBs are organized at the county or intra-county level in some regions.

Key Information:

- A full list of New York’s regional WDBs with contact information can be found at the following link: <https://dol.ny.gov/lwdbs>. Local stakeholders interested in workforce development projects and WIOA workforce development funding should contact their local WDB to inquire about funding opportunities.
- Stakeholders should also contact their local [Regional Economic Development Councils](#) for state-level funding opportunities to support workforce development.
- Interested local stakeholders can also contact Karen Coleman, New York State Department of Labor Deputy Commissioner of Workforce Development about funding opportunities.
 - Phone: 518-485-6410, E-mail: karen.coleman@labor.ny.gov

Perkins Postsecondary Career & Technical Education (CTE) Program

[Vocational Education \(Career and Technical\) Grants to States](#), administered by the Department of Labor, is authorized under the Title I of the *Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act*. Perkins CTE provides federal funds to states in order to develop academic, career, and technical skills of secondary and postsecondary students who enroll in career and technical education programs.

Key Information:

- Information about New York’s Perkins CTE program can be found at the following link: <https://www2.ed.gov/programs/ctesbg/index.html>
- Interested stakeholders can contact the program administrators at:
 - Phone: 518-474-3719; E-mail: PSPerkins@nysed.gov

Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) for Workers

Authorized under the under the [Trade Adjustment Assistance Reauthorization Act of 2015](#), TAA helps trade-affected workers adjust to job loss due to the impact of international trade. TAA benefits include funding for retraining and weekly income support payments while affected workers are enrolled in training. TAA is administered jointly by the Department of Labor and cooperating state agencies, namely the New York State Department of Labor. The federal Department of Labor is responsible for investigating group petitions to establish program eligibility. The New York State Department of Labor is responsible for administering federally funded benefits to eligible workers.

Key Information:

- More information about the TAA program can be found at: <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/tradeact>
- New York State Department of Labor's TAA webpage can be found at: <https://dol.ny.gov/trade-adjustment-assistance>
- Contact information for local TAA Coordinators throughout the state can be found at: <https://dol.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/03/taacoordinators.pdf>
- Interested stakeholders can also contact Aaron Heggen, NYS Department of Labor, TAA Coordinator, Phone: 518-457-1829, E-mail: aaron.heggen@labor.ny.gov

Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA) Funding

[Adult Education and Family Literacy Act](#) (AEFLA) funding, administered by the Department of Education, supports basic education for out-of-school adults. Referred to as "adult education," the programs and activities funded by AEFLA support educational services at the secondary level and below, as well as English language training. The New York State Department of Education distributes funding to eligible local entities, who provide the educational services to individuals.

Key Information:

- Information about New York's AEFLA Program can be found at: <http://www.acces.nysed.gov/aepp/welcome-adult-education-programs-and-policy-aepp>
- Interested stakeholders can contact the program administrators at:
 - Phone: 518-474-8940, E-mail: AdultEd@nysed.gov

Community Development Block Grants (CDBGs)

[Community Development Block Grants](#) (CDBG), administered through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), is a flexible program that provides "funds to address a wide range of unique community development needs." Each state then provides their CDBG funds to local governments to support infrastructure improvement, economic development, public services and community facilities projects. Eligible activities include "economic development and [job creation/retention activities](#)."

Key Information:

- A list of New York HUD Exchanges CDBG grantee contacts can be found at: https://www.hudexchange.info/grantees/contacts/?csrf_token=864AD702-979E-418D-B656FBEED0CEC7CC¶ms=%7B%22limit%22%3A20%2C%22sort%22%3A%22%2F%2C%22order%22%3A%22%22%2C%22years%22%3A%5B%5D%2C%22searchTerm%22%3A%22%22%2C%22grantees%22%3A%5B%5D%2C%22state%22%3A%22NY%22%2C%22programs%22%3A%5B%5D%7D##granteeSearch
- The New York State Office of Homes and Community Renewal is a key administrator of CDBG funds. More information about the Office's activities can be found at: <https://hcr.ny.gov/>

Social Services Block Grants (SSBG)

Administered through the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Administration for Children & Families (ACF), [Social Services Block Grants](#) provide funding to states and territories to support a [variety of local initiatives](#) for children and adults, including "[education and training services](#) to help meet the social service needs of affected individuals."

Key Information:

- New York State's Office of Children and Family Services administers these funds on the state level. More information can be found at: <https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/sppd/>
- Interested stakeholders can contact Contact: Christine Szulborski, LMSW, Assistant Director, Bureau of Policy Analysis, Phone: 518-473-8252, E-mail: Christine.Szulborski@ocfs.ny.gov

Community Services Block Grants (CSBG)

The [Community Services Block Grants](#) (CSBG) program administered by the Administration for Children & Families (ACF) provides funding to states, territories, and tribes for distribution to local agencies to support a wide range of community-based activities, to include projects that lessen poverty in communities, address the needs of low-income individuals, and provide services related to employment, education, housing, nutrition, emergency services and/or health.

Key Information:

- The New York State Department of State administers these funds on the state level: <https://dos.ny.gov/community-services-block-grant#:~:text=The%20Division%20of%20Community%20Services%20directs%20funding%20to,housing%2C%20child%20care%2C%20home%20heating%20and%20much%20more>
- Interested stakeholders can contact Manuel Rosa, Director, Phone: 518-474-5741, E-mail: dosDCSInetInfo@dos.ny.gov

Section II – Competitive Federal Funding Opportunities

The following is a brief, non-comprehensive listing of competitive grants that may be useful for local workforce development initiatives. These funding opportunities may or may not be in-cycle depending on the time of year and status of Congressional appropriations to fund these programs. Grantseekers are encouraged to monitor [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) for grant programs that are currently open for applications. The CFDA numbers included with the program information below can be a useful way to search Grants.gov for funding opportunities.¹

- [Apprenticeship Building America \(ABA\) Grant Program](#) (CFDA [17.285](#)): the Department of Labor continues to support grants for the Registered Apprenticeship Grant program. These [State Apprenticeship Expansion](#) grants have been used to expand registered apprenticeship programs for adults and youth in states including in industry sectors such as: IT, cybersecurity, manufacturing, health care, and mental health care.
- [National Dislocated Workers Grants](#) (DWGs) (CFDA [17.277](#)): the Department of Labor provides temporary DWG funding to states and local areas to respond to large unexpected economic events which cause significant job losses. Funding is used to create temporary training programs to help reemploy unemployed workers. States may sub-grant a portion of funds to [local workforce development boards](#) and/or may expend funds through public and private agencies and organizations engaged in approved projects.
- [Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grants Program](#) (CFDA [17.261](#)): the Department of Labor funded this [Skills Training Grant](#) program to help build the capacity of community colleges to address workforce challenges by providing training in a variety of industries, including health care, logistics, and cybersecurity.
- [H-1B Skills Training Grants and H-1B Rural Healthcare Grants](#) (CFDA [17.268](#)): the Department of Labor administers this [Skills Training Grant](#) program to "provide a range of training and education services that lead to middle- and high-skilled jobs in healthcare occupations. These services include assessment, coaching and counseling, and occupational skills training models that lead to recognized Postsecondary credentials."
- [Reentry Employment Opportunities Programs](#) (REO) are administered by DOL to develop or expand employment opportunities for adults, justice-involved youth, and young adults who were formerly incarcerated. Recently funded REO programs include:
 - [Pathway Home 3](#) (CFDA [17.270](#)): the Pathway Home 3 grant initiative supports occupational training aligned with their career and educational goals, and provides funding for services, such as case management, legal assistance, and transportation that support participants' participation and success. The goals of the grant include: Providing individuals incarcerated in state correctional facilities or local or county jails with workforce services prior to release and to continue services after release by

¹ Each federal assistance program is assigned a unique number in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA). These unique listings can be used to more efficiently search for and track grants on Grants.gov.

transitioning the participants into reentry programs in the communities to which they will return.

- [Young Adult Reentry Partnership \(YARP\) 2 \(CFDA 17.270\)](#): The purpose of this program is to partner organizations that provide reentry services with community colleges to provide education and training services to improve the employment outcomes for young adults involved in the criminal justice system.
- [Fidelity Bonding Demonstration Grants \(CFDA 17.270\)](#): Through this grant program, DOL intends to help those “involved in the criminal justice system, including ex-offenders recovering from opioid and other drug addictions, obtain employment in family-sustaining jobs; better inform employers about the knowledge, skills, and abilities of this population; and advancing strategies to address the barriers to reemployment.” The DOL’s Employment Training Administration (ETA) provides fidelity bonds to employers to help reduce the risks of hiring individuals whose criminal backgrounds pose barriers to securing employment.
- [Workforce Pathways for Youth \(DOL\) \(CFDA 17.261\)](#): is intended to connect youth to job training and workforce pathways, including soft skill development, career exploration, job readiness and certification, summer jobs, year-round job opportunities, and apprenticeships.
- [YouthBuild \(CFDA\): \(CFDA 17.274\)](#) administered by the Department of Labor, YouthBuild provides a pre-apprenticeship program model that encompasses education, occupational skills training, leadership development, and high-quality post-program placement opportunities to opportunity youth. YouthBuild is a community-based alternative education program for youth between the ages of 16 and 24 who left high school prior to graduation that also have other risk factors.

Section III – Resources for Grantseekers

Please find below resources authored by the Congressional Research Service (CRS) which provide information about identifying, applying for, and managing federal grant opportunities.

- CRS – Resources for Grantseekers – <https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/RL/RL34012>
- CRS – How to Develop and Write a Grant Proposal – <https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/RL/RL32159>

Letters of Support from Senator Gillibrand

While Senator Gillibrand does NOT decide which organizations are awarded grants, there are instances in which it is appropriate for Senator Gillibrand to write a letter of support for an application. If you wish to request a letter of support for your application, you must supply Senator Gillibrand with the following:

1. A description of your organization
2. Summary of the application
3. A description of what the money will be used for
4. A draft letter of support

Please forward this information to the nearest regional office:

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Casework Form

If you have encountered a problem involving a federal government agency or federally subsidized benefit that you have not been able to successfully resolve, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand's staff of constituent liaisons may be able to assist you in the following areas:

Employment Issues: including assistance with disability benefits, employer-provided health care plans and COBRA, Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) benefits, pensions, unemployment benefits, Federal and State Workers Compensation claims, and retirement-related issues.

Consumer Affairs: including assistance obtaining a home loan modification under the Making Home Affordable Program, insurance claims, dissatisfaction with consumer products or services, environmental regulations, and concerns regarding air quality, water or land contamination.

Immigration Issues: including issues with visitor visas, family and employment based visas, lawful permanent resident status, naturalization, international adoptions, detention, passports, customs and border issues, and assistance to American Citizens in crisis abroad.

Veteran Issues: including issues with VA pension and disability benefits, education benefits, veteran burial or funeral issues, and issues regarding the VA medical centers.

IRS Issues: including connecting constituents with the Taxpayer Advocate Service to address federal tax issues including lost or delayed tax refunds, penalty abatements, payment installation plans, tax credits, referrals to IRS Low Income Tax Clinics and paper tax forms.

Military Issues: including issues pertaining to the Department of Defense, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, Reserves and New York State National Guard, as well as obtaining military records, medals and academy nominations.

Health Care Issues: including issues with Medicare and Medicaid, health insurance, insurance providers, nursing homes, hospitals, prescription drugs, and 9/11 health matters.

Social Security: including issues with Supplemental Security Income, Social Security Disability, survivors' benefits, and retirement benefits.

Social Services: including issues with food stamps, HEAP (low-income heating program), FEMA and disaster relief, and issues related to federally subsidized housing.

Please visit the "Help" section of www.gillibrand.senate.gov or call (212) 688-6262 for further information. Please note that if you are seeking assistance with a case that involves a lawsuit or litigation, Senate Rules prohibit the Office of Senator Gillibrand from giving legal advice or intervening in the proceedings.
