

Youth Reentry Program



Bidders Conference
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Introduction

The South Central Workforce Development Board (SCPa Works) is seeking strategic partnerships to engage justice-involved youth aged 18-24 in comprehensive career pathways that lead to postsecondary education, advanced training, and meaningful employment. Our primary objective is to prioritize services for Out-of-School Youth (OSY), fostering collaboration between the workforce and juvenile justice systems. By aligning efforts, we aim to enhance the employability of OSY while reducing their risk of recidivism.

The Youth Reentry Grant funds this initiative through the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry. Federal funds will finance 100% of the project.

Timeline

Request for Proposal Issue Date: 08/16/2024

Notice of Intent: 09/06/2024

Proposals Due: 09/15/2024 5:00pm

Evaluations: 09/16/2024-09/30/2024

Anticipated Award Notification: 11/07/2024

Anticipated Contract Start: 12/02/2024

Period of Performance

December 2, 2024 - June 30, 2025

Award Terms

- **Contract Type:** Cost Reimbursement
- **Renewal Options:** This funding source expires on June 30th, 2025. Based upon future funding sources and levels, as well as contract performance, SCPa Works may consider extending or renewing a contract with other sources, but this is at the full discretion of SCPa Works.

Questions and Answers

Question: Do you know when this will be posted and where? Is this grant for non-profit and government agencies only? The total \$ of the grant?

Answer: Here is our website with the information in questions 1 and 3.

<https://scpaworks.org/rfps-and-grants/>

As far as 2- Proposers who are capable of supporting the activities outlined in this RFP may be public or private not-for-profit corporations, local educational agencies, private for-profit corporations, community-based organizations, labor organizations or governmental units. SCPa Works is prohibited from awarding a contract to a contractor who is excluded from federal procurement or non-procurement programs by the U.S. General Services Administration. SCPa Works is prohibited from awarding a contract to any party disbarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal Assistance Programs in accordance with the USDOL regulations at 29 CFR Part 98 or debarred by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Question: Is there one \$370,000 grant available for a vendor to do this work throughout all of South-Central PA? Or are there multiple awards of \$370,000 available for vendors to do this work in individual counties/sub-regions?

Answer: There is a total of \$370,000 available. Applicants may apply for the entire \$370,000 or a smaller amount. Applicants may also propose to serve the entire 8-county region or a specific geographical region. There is no geographic priority for this grant rather, we will be looking to fund projects that most efficiently serve the highest number of participants.

Question: Can you give us basic information about the grant? I did not see it on the website.

Answer: All information is here: <https://scpaworks.org/rfps-and-grants/>

You can view the RFP in PDF format and if you choose to apply, you will click apply here and register for an account with RFP360 to create an application.

Question: Do these youth have to be on JPO to qualify? Would our APO also be able to be part of the grant?

Answer: A youth does not need to be on any type of probation supervision (adult or juvenile). Not younger than age 16 or older than age 24 at time of enrollment (if under 18 they can not be enrolled in school).

Correction to Above Response: Youth must be 18 years old.

Question: Can you provide any insight into how I can access the opportunity mentioned below as I don't see it posted on SCPa Works. Also is the application more of a federal or state-type?

Answer: The opportunity is listed on our website under rfps. It gives you an overview and provides the link to apply on rfp360. It is a state grant.