

# **2023 Grant Technical Assistance Workshop**

**DOL Grant Overview**

**March 20, 2023**

# Agenda

- Opening Remarks from Congressman Adam Smith
- Constituent Services Presentation
- DOL Grant Overview Presentation
- FAQ
- Q&A



# Opening Remarks from Congressman Adam Smith





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# Constituent Services

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# **The Office of Congressman Adam Smith Congressional Constituents Services Workshop**

Keelyn Bessmer, Constituent Services Representative

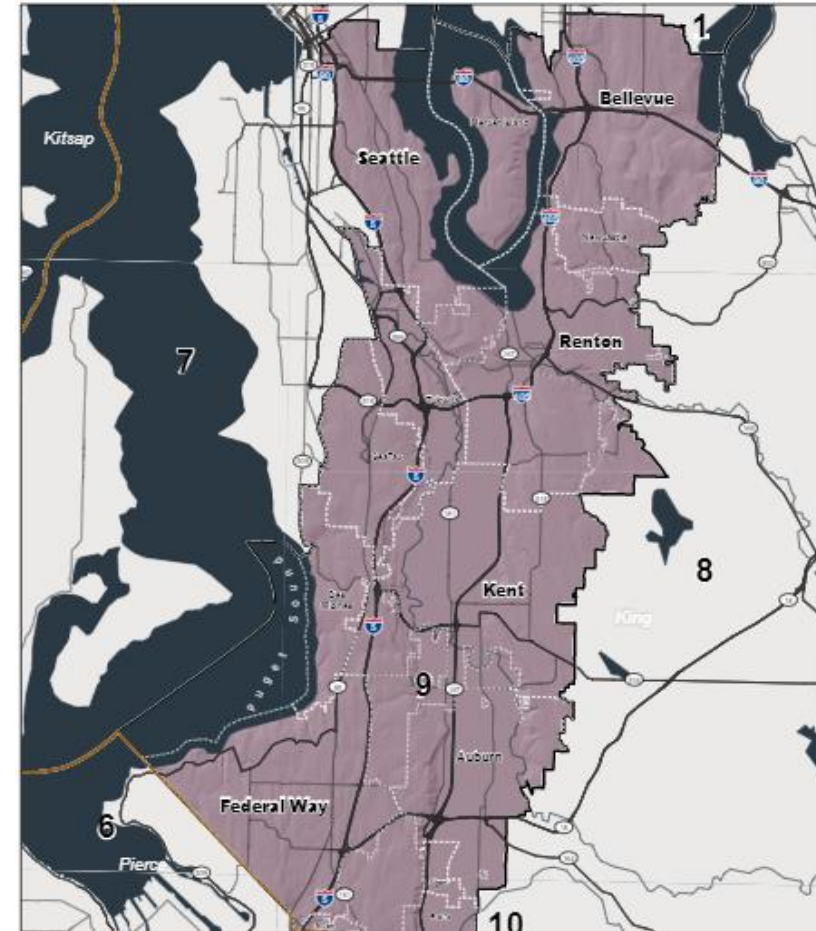
Jalen Conway, Constituent Services Representative

Andrew Hays, District Representative/Constituent Services  
Representative



# Washington State Congressional District Map

*9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District*



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# Our Constituents

- Local Governments
- Businesses
- Community Groups
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Individuals





# Constituent Services Programs

- Military Academy Nomination
- Art Competition
- Congressional AP Challenge
- Internships
- Capitol / White House Tours
- Grants
- Flag Requests
- Assistance with Federal Agencies



# Our Jurisdiction

- Congressional offices have jurisdiction over federal agencies and must abide by all Federal Laws, Rules, and Regulations.
- We cannot provide legal advice (Lawsuits, court cases, child custody, etc.).
- We do not communicate with lawyers unless requested by the constituents.
- It is preferred to work with one congressional office work per case.



# Assistance with Federal Agencies

- Advocate for constituents with their federal issues and serve as a neutral facilitator between the constituents and agency
- Referral services (or appropriate public office) that would address their issues appropriately

## Misconceptions:

- Congressional casework is the widely held public perception that Members of Congress can initiate a broad array of actions resulting in a speedy, favorable outcome.
- Congressional staff cannot force an agency to expedite a case or act in favor of a constituent. We can only ask for consideration of the cases.



# Privacy Release Forms

- Agencies cannot respond to a congressional inquiry without a Privacy Act Release Form signed by the constituent requesting assistance.
- We do not speak to third parties regarding cases unless we have the written permission from a constituent (preferred on the privacy release form).

# Privacy Release Forms

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The Privacy Act of 1974 went into effect September 27, 1975. This law is designed to protect you from the unauthorized use and exchange of personal information by Federal agencies. For example, any information that a Federal agency has about you, such as Social security data, your military service records or census information may not, with a few exceptions, be given to another agency or to a Member of Congress without your written permission.

As you probably know, investigations of your concerns may require that I ask one or more Federal agencies for confidential information. In order to be of better assistance to you, I ask that you sign the consent form below. Please return to my district office at 15 S. Grady Way, Suite 101, Renton WA 98057 or fax to (425)793-5181.

Please understand that you are responsible for all of your original documents or copies, and must retain these for your records. All documentation held by our office will be shredded two years after your case with our office is closed. Your signature below is acknowledgement of this policy.

Thank you,

Adam Smith  
Member of Congress

Have you contacted another Congressional Member's Office? No ☐ Yes ☐ (If yes, do not continue and call the office)

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby request and authorize Congressman Adam Smith and his staff to intercede on my behalf related to the matter described on the back of this form, including the right to receive any information contained in the records of any department or agency of the Federal Government, to forward a correspondence sent by me regarding this matter, or any other action I have related to this matter. I understand that any documents I provide to Congressman Adam Smith or his staff may be copied and forwarded to others in relation to this matter. I also understand that this inquiry may not conclude in my best interest. I sign this Privacy Act waiver in good conscience and without mental reservation.

Signature	Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. / None
Address	Print Name
City, State, Zip	Date of Birth
Phone	Social Security #/ VA Claim #/ Case #
E-mail address	Agency / Service Center

Additional Contact: I authorize Congressman Smith's office to speak on my behalf with:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Privacy Release

Member of Congress: Adam Smith

Petitioner/Applicant:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Alien number (if any): \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Beneficiary:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Alien number (if any): \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ I-730 ☐ I-751 ☐ I-765 ☐ I-821 ☐ I-824 ☐ I-829 ☐ I-914 (Supplement A, B, or C)

☐ I-918 ☐ I-924 ☐ I-929 ☐ N-400 ☐ N-600 ☐ N-565 ☐ N-644 ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Privacy Release

Brief description of the issue (if you need more space, attach a separate sheet):

Staff Member (print): Jalen Conway Phone: (425) 793-5180

Email: jalen.conway@mail.house.gov

Section below to be completed by the person who is the subject of the records:

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that 1) I provided or authorized all of the information in this privacy release and any document submitted with it; 2) I reviewed and understand all of the information contained in my privacy release and submitted with it; and 3) all of this information is complete, true, and correct.

I, (print your name) \_\_\_\_\_, authorize USCIS to release information contained in my USCIS records as relevant to checking my case status, and to the extent permitted by law, to Senator/Representative Adam Smith and the Member's staff.

Signature (sign in ink): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Residential Address (Do not list a P.O. Box.)

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Translator Certification (If privacy release or any of the supplemental information has been translated.)

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that I am fluent in English and \_\_\_\_\_, and that my translation of the privacy release and any foreign language documents submitted with this inquiry are complete and accurate.

Translator Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (sign in ink): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Keelyn's Portfolio

- DOS/DHS: Trusted Traveler Program and Passports
  - CBP: Global Entry, Nexus, FAST, SENTRI
  - TSA: Pre-TSA, Traveler Redress
  - DOS: Passport
- Social Security Administration (SSA)
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
- Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
- Postal Service (USPS)
- Small Business Administration (SBA)
- Department of Justice (DOJ)
- Department of Education (DOE)
- Department of Labor (DOL)
- Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)
- Department of Defense (DOD)
- Department of Veteran Affairs (VA)
- Housing and Urban Department (HUD)
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

# Immigration Portfolios

Jalen Conway:

- USCIS and DOS (Immigrant visas/Non-immigrant visas)
  - Family petition
  - Employment-based visas
  - Green cards
  - Employment authorized documents
  - Travel Parole
  - Visa waivers
  - Interviews

Andrew Hays:

- ICE
- UNCHR & USRAP (Refugee program)
- International Child Abduction
- SIV applications (I-360/DOS SIV application) and Afghan-related cases
- Humanitarian Parole
- Ukraine cases (USCIS -HP or DOS-special requests)
- Non-immigrant visa - Tourist visas (B-1/B-2)



# Questions? Contact us!

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# DOL Overview Presentation

Jena Yang



# DOL Departments

- Employment and Training Administration (ETA)
- Veterans' Employment Training Service (VETS)
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)
- Women's Bureau (WB)
- Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP)
- International Labor Affairs Bureau (ILAB)
- Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA)

# Employment Training Administration



# YouthBuild (\$90mil)

- Opens in fall, closes in spring
- Target population:
  - Ages 16 ~ 24
  - Left high school before completion
  - Adjudicated youth
  - Youth in and aging out of foster care
  - Youth with disabilities
- Provide: construction training, in-demand industry training, placement opportunities, leadership development
- Eligible Applicants: private, nonprofit, or public agencies, rural, urban or native American agencies



# Growth Opportunities (\$12 mil)

- Opens in spring, closes in spring
- Intermediary applicants only (with multiple sub-grantees)
- Target population:
  - Ages 18 ~ 24
  - In-and-out of school with justice system involvement
  - High-poverty and high-crime rates and communities that experienced recent unrest
- Provide: paid work experiences, mentorship, career and educational goals, and support services
- Eligible Applicants: tribal, county, city, school, nonprofits



# Pathway Home Round 4 (\$48 mil)

- Opens now, closes on April 21, 2023
- Target population:
  - Ages 18 and above
  - previously incarcerated adults
- Provide: transitional services (pre-release and post-release), workforce system entrance
- Eligible Applicants: CBOs, faith-based, for-profit, post-secondary education institutions, state government, local governments, and Native American tribal governments



# Strengthening Community Colleges (\$65 mil)

- Opens in summer, closes in winter
- Target population: community college students
- Provide: career and technical programs
- Eligible Applicants: community colleges, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Tribal Colleges or Universities, and other minority serving institutions

# Workforce Pathways for Youth (\$15 mil)

- Opens now, closes on May 19<sup>th</sup>
- Target population:
  - Ages 14 ~ 21
  - Rural Areas
- Provide: age-appropriate workforce readiness, job placement, soft skills training, and career exploration
- Eligible Applicants: National out-of-school time (OST) nonprofits





# State Apprenticeship Expansion Formula Funded Grant Program (\$85 mil)

- Opens now , closes on May 1<sup>st</sup>
- Target population:
  - Ages 16 and above
  - Underrepresented populations and underserved communities
- Provide: Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP), quality pre-apprenticeship programs, cross-cutting principles including DEI and Good Jobs/ Fair Labor standards
- Eligible Applicants: states



# Building Pathways to Infrastructure Job Grant Program (\$80 mil)

- Opens now, closes on April 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Target population:
  - Age 17 and above
  - Not enrolled in secondary school
  - Unemployed, underemployed and incumbent workers
- Provide: workforce training programs on occupations that support renewable energy, transportation, and broadband infrastructure sectors
- Eligible Applicants: nonprofits, CBO, labor unions/management organizations, education/training providers, economic development agencies, tribal governments



# Workforce Data Quality Initiative Round 9 (\$12 mil)

- Opens now, closes on April 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Target population: N/A (Grant doesn't serve participants)
- Provide: development or enhancement of a state workforce longitudinal administrative database
- Eligible Applicants: State Workforce Agencies (SWA)

# Veterans' Employment and Training Service



# Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (\$25 mil)

- Opens now, closes on March 30<sup>th</sup>
- Target population:
  - Veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness
  - Homeless veterans with children
  - Justice-involved veterans.
- Provide: case management, job training and employment services
- Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit organizations with or without IRS 501(c)(3) status including faith-based organizations, state and local Workforce Development Boards, for-profit entities, postsecondary education institutions, state and local governments, public and tribal governments



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# Occupational Safety and Health Administration



# Susan Hardwood Training Grant Program (\$12.8 mil)

- Opens in spring, closes in fall
- Target population:
  - Limited English proficiency/non-literate and low literacy workers
  - Temporary workers
  - Historically underserved and other hard-to-reach workers
  - High-hazard industries and industries with high fatality rate
- Provide: training to small business employers and workers on the occupational safety and health hazards in their workplaces and employers' responsibilities under the Occupational Safety and Health Act
- Eligible Applicants: nonprofits, labor unions, CBOs, chambers, tribal governments, and higher educations



# Women's Bureau





# Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations (WANTO) Grant Program (\$5 mil)

- Opens in spring, closes in fall
- Target population:
  - Women
  - Employers
  - Labor unions
- Provide: technical assistance to employers and labor unions and support services to women workers
- Eligible Applicants: CBO

# Fostering Access, Rights, and Equity (FARE) Grant Program (\$1 mil)

- Opens in spring, closes in fall
- Target population: Women workers who have been disproportionately impacted by workplace gender-based violence and harassment (GBVH)
- Provide: information and educational materials on workers rights, implementation of worker and survivor-driven strategies that mitigate workplace risks to prevent workplace GBVH, support services, and leadership skills
- Eligible Applicants: nonprofits



# Office of Disability Employment Policy



# Equitable Transition Models (ETM) Demonstration Project (\$17.5 mil)

- Opens in spring, closes in fall
- Target population:
  - Ages 16 ~ 24
  - Individuals with disabilities
- Provide: ETM projects supporting development of scalable strategies for youth to successfully transition into the workforce.
- Eligible Applicants: states and tribal government

# Center For Advancing Policy on Employment for Youth (CAPE-Youth) (\$1.5 mil)

- Opens in spring, closes in fall
- Target population: individuals with disabilities
- Provide: youth-focused disability policy development and technical assistance center
- Eligible Applicants: nonprofit organizations, for-profit organizations, and small businesses

# Employer Assistance and Resource Network on Disability Inclusion (EARN) (\$2 mil)

- Opens in spring, closes in fall
- Target population: individuals with disabilities
- Provide: technical assistance center and employer-focused disability policy development
- Eligible Applicants: Non-profit business schools, schools that include human resources or labor-focused programs, and non-profit research institutions

# Grant Resources

- <https://adamsmith.house.gov/grant-information>
- <https://www.dol.gov/grants>

# Grant Awardees

- Western Washington Indian Employment And Training Program: 2020 WIOA Indian And Native American Program
- Community Youth Services: 2020 Youthbuild
- Casa Latina: 2021 Susan Harwood Training Grant Program
- WA State Department Of Labor & Industries: 2019 Apprenticeship State Expansion, 2020 Building State Capacity To Expand Apprenticeship Through Innovation
- WA State Department Of Employment Security: 2022 Apprenticeship Building America
- WA State Department Of Veterans Affairs: 2021 Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program
- United Indians Of All Tribes Foundation: 2022 WIOA Indian And Native American Program Employment And Training Grants
- United Indians Of All Tribes Foundation: 2020 and 2021 WIOA Indian And Native American Program
- Pioneer Human Services: 2019 Pathway Home - Reintegration Of Ex-offenders
- Apprenticeship And Nontraditional Employment For Women (ANEW): 2022 Women In Apprenticeship And Nontraditional Occupations (WANTO) Technical Assistance Grant Program





# Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I apply?
2. How do I know if my organization is eligible for this grant?
3. What are common pit-falls?
4. Do I need a letter from my representative?
5. If I am not ready this year, can I apply in future years?
6. Can I get feedback on my application?
7. Is there technical assistance that can help me apply?
8. My organization is a small, grass-roots organization that may not have the capacity to manage a large DOL grant. Can I partner with other, larger organizations? How do I find partners for whom I could be a sub-grantee?
9. The work of my organization does not exactly fit the grant programs covered today. Is there “Open Funding?”



# Q&A





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### For More Information on a Specific Program:

- Workforce and Training Grants (ETA):
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- International Grants (ILAB):
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- Women's Bureau Grants:
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- Veterans' Employment and Training Service Grants:
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- Harwood Safety & Health Training Grants (OSHA):
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- Mine Safety and Health Administration Grants:
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- Office of Disability Employment Policy Grants:
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# Thank You

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