
Multiple Education Pathway Blueprints

GRANTEES: Cities (populations 70,000 and 350,000) with 40% dropout rates

ADDRESSES: Various

AMOUNT: \$3,441,662 distributed equally between selected sites

DURATION: July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2009

POPULATION SERVED: Youth who at risk of dropping out and youth who have dropped out

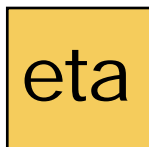
DESCRIPTION OF INITIATIVE: Dropout youth and those most at risk of dropping out are an important part of the new workforce “supply pipeline” that businesses need to fill job vacancies in the new knowledge-based economy. However, without re-connecting these youth to high quality educational opportunities, they will not be adequately prepared to participate in today’s economy. This initiative supports cities in the development of strategies to reduce the number of youth who drop-out and re-engage out of school youth.

DESCRIPTION OF FUNDING: The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) is providing \$3,441,662 in funding to six cities to “blueprint” and implement a system that can reconnect youth that have dropped out of high school to a variety of high quality, innovative multiple education pathways. These pathways will offer alternative learning environments that engage these youth in rigorous and relevant academic studies and workforce preparation, while preparing and connecting them to post-secondary education opportunities. Former dropout youth will then be better prepared to enter the labor market and career pathways in high growth, high demand industries.

DESCRIPTION OF FUNDING: These grants are intended to serve as catalysts to bring together community partners to assess and address the challenge of serving youth who are at risk of dropping out and youth who have dropped out of school. The blueprints will be used to leverage and integrate education strategies and assets in the community in ways that cut across multiple schools and community colleges. They will serve as the city’s strategic plan for developing and benchmarking progress toward creating a multiple education pathway system that move students to post-secondary education and career pathways.

PROJECT NAMES AND SERVICE AREAS: The cities of Brockton, MA (lead agency: Brockton School Department); Des Moines, IA (lead agency: Des Moines Community College); Fall River, MA (lead agency: Bristol Workforce Development Board); Gary, IN (lead agency: Center for Workforce Innovations); Metairie, LA (lead agency: Jefferson Parish Chamber of Commerce); Pittsburgh, PA (Three Rivers Workforce Investment Board); and Mobile, AL (lead agency: Mobile Area Education Foundation) will each receive \$491,666 .

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