



# YouthWorks Year Round Information Session

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# Format of the Webinar

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- Application Materials and Process
- Funding Guidelines
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# Eligibility & Timeline

- In order to preserve continuity and maximize opportunities for lasting program improvements, the lead applicant must be same lead agency from 2018 Summer YouthWorks programming.
- Proposals and due Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup> and we will be able to notify programs in mid to late August about the status of their request.
- Program activities can take place between September 2018 and May 2019.
- Commonwealth Corporation anticipates awarding **up to twelve grantees for a total of \$750,000 in funding**



# Questions about Eligibility & Timeline

# Option A versus Option B

## Overview

Option A	Option B
Implement a Career Pathway component in 2018-2019	Implement traditional YouthWorks in 2018-2019 and plan for a Career Pathway in Summer 19 or YR 19-20
Serve 10-28 participants	Serve 12-25 Participants
Apply for 50-100K in funding; use up to 20% for planning	Apply for 50-80K in funding; use up to 20% for planning
Implement 20 hours of Signal Success as part of the program	
Staff participate in training and technical assistance	

# A Closer Look at Option A

Applicants will develop and implement a career pathway component with the goal of providing programming to increase exploration, awareness, and/or skill building relevant to a particular industry or occupation.

Possible program innovations include, but are not limited to:

- Occupational training models with relevant industry certifications
- Job placements focused on a particular industry and supported by additional career awareness and exploration activities
- Work based learning and skills training linked to pre-apprenticeship certification
- Structured mentoring paired with work based learning projects or work experiences
- Early career pipeline programming for older participants coordinated with specific employer partnerships

# Required Program Elements for Option A

- Serve between 10 and 28 participants (ages 15-21). Youth participants will take part in at least 100 hours of program services including work readiness training. All youth participants can be paid for work and training hours with grant funds
- Program design with a sector or occupational focus that will be vetted by an advisory group that includes at least one employer partner in related industry area
- Assessment of learning and skill gain using competency-based performance measures

# Preference will be given to proposals that include

- The inclusion of regional labor market data
- Strategic pairing of summer and year-round YW Participants
- Strategic blending of work-related experiences
- Defined and thorough recruitment, case management, and retention plans
- The ability to support participants in attaining work experience, credentials and/or certificates that enhance their marketability in high-demand fields;
- A clear outline of planning goals, activities and outcomes.





# Questions about Option A

# A Closer Look at Option B

- Subsidized employment placements for a small cohort designed to provide participants with:
  - early employment experiences
  - work-readiness training,
  - skills to find and keep an unsubsidized job.

The program proposal should be for **one** of the region's YouthWorks target cities.

Programs are also expected to engage in planning for a work and learning model with a career pathway component to be implemented in the summer 2019 or year-round 2019-2020.

## Required Program Elements for Option B

- Applicants must propose to serve between 12 and 25 participants (ages 15-21).
- Youth participants will take part in at least 100 hours of program services including work readiness training. **All youth participants must be paid for work and training hours with grant funds**
- Clear indication of whether the program planning resources will support programming to be implemented in the upcoming summer or the following year round.

# Preference will be given to proposals that include

- Strategic pairing of summer and year-round YW participants
- Demonstrated ability to effectively recruit and retain the number of youth proposed to serve;
- Clear and inclusive plan for participant recruitment and retention;
- The ability to deliver a Signal Success
- A set of program supports that coordinate effective services, supervision, and learning for participating young people.
- A clear outline of the type of career pathway program that the applicants propose to develop with the allotted planning resources. This could include a description of the participant target population to be served or the intended industry focus.



# Questions about Option B

# Application Process

- Please use the narrative proposal form and budget form provided
- Because we are being flexible about the funding levels, we may reach out to negotiate small changes in cohort size and funding to maximize the \$750,000 in funding
- For those applications which we are not able to support, we will schedule a debrief call to provide information about why the proposal was not awarded

# A Closer Look at the Funding Structure

Funding Request	Number of Participants to be Served		Funds allocated for planning (up to 20%)
	<u>Option A</u>	<u>Option B</u>	
\$50,000-\$60,000	10 to 19	12 to 19	\$5,000 to \$12,000
\$60,000- \$70,000	12 to 22	16 To 22	\$6,000 to \$14,000
\$70,000-\$80,000	14 to 25	22 to 25	\$7,000 to \$16,000
\$80,000-\$90,000	17 to 28	Not Applicable	\$8,000 to \$18,000
\$90,000-\$100,000	19 to 28	Not Applicable	\$9,000 to \$20,000



# Final Q & A

**Please note a written copy of all questions and answers will be posted to the website later this week and sent out to the webinar participants.**