



## **FY 2016 Omnibus Appropriations - Immigrant Skills and Workforce Development**

### **Department of Labor**

#### **Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth Employment and Training Programs under Title I of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA):**

**\$2.710 billion** [FY 2015 Enacted: \$2.624 billion; 3.3 percent increase]. These programs provide eligible adults and youth with employment and training services through nearly 2,500 One-Stop Career Centers located in communities throughout the country.

- **Adult Program: \$815.556 million** [FY 2015 Enacted: \$776.736 million; 5.0 percent increase]. This program assists disadvantaged, low-skilled unemployed and underemployed eligible adults to gain the skills and credentials needed to successfully compete in the workforce. (One-third of low-skilled adults in the United States are immigrants.<sup>1</sup>)
- **Dislocated Worker Program: \$1.021 billion** [FY 2015 Enacted: \$1.016 billion; 0.5 percent increase]. This program prepares eligible dislocated workers, including individuals who have been terminated or laid off, recipients of unemployment insurance, and displaced homemakers for new jobs and careers.
- **Youth Program: \$873.416 million** [FY 2015 Enacted: \$831.842 million; 5.0 percent increase]. This program prepares eligible youth and young adults for jobs or post-secondary education through career guidance, support for educational attainment, training assistance, and other related services.
- **State Set-Aside: Not to exceed 15 percent** [FY 2015 Enacted: State Set-Aside was not to exceed 10 percent]. Governors use these flexible funds to implement state-led job training initiatives and to perform statutorily required administrative functions to manage the state's public workforce system.

**Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Program: \$81.896 million** [Maintains FY 2015 funding level]. This program provides employment, job training, and housing assistance to migrant and seasonal farmworkers in the United States and Puerto Rico.

**Registered Apprenticeship: \$90 million** [Was not funded in FY 2015]. Registered Apprenticeship is an “earn and learn” model that allows participants to gain academic knowledge and on-the-job skills while earning a paycheck and meeting the workforce needs of employers. This funding will be used towards expanding registered apprenticeship opportunities across the country.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://skills.oecd.org/Survey\\_of\\_Adult\\_Skills\\_US.pdf](http://skills.oecd.org/Survey_of_Adult_Skills_US.pdf)

**Wagner-Peyser Employment Service: \$19.818 million** [Maintains FY 2015 funding level]. This is a universal access program that provides job seekers with virtual and in-person employment services, while providing employers with a range of services to help them access a qualified workforce.

**Workforce Information, E-Tools, and One-Stop System Building Line Item: \$67.653 million** [FY 2015 Enacted: \$60.153 million; 12.5 percent increase]. These grants, electronic tools, and other products assist job seekers with making informed career decisions by providing data on careers, skill requirements, employment projections, and other workforce information. Other activities include technical assistance and grants to increase the capacity of the public workforce system and help it meet the needs of job seekers and employers.

**Foreign Labor Certification: \$62.310 million** [Maintains FY 2015 funding level]. This funding supports federal foreign labor certification programs, including placing job orders and conducting required housing inspections for H-2A workers.

- **Grants to States: \$14,282,000** [Maintains FY 2015 funding level]. These grants support state employment services that support federal labor certification programs.

## **Department of Education**

**Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act and Adult Education and Family Literacy Act programs: \$1.721 billion** [FY 2015 Enacted: \$1.708 billion; 0.8 percent increase]. Programs under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act prepare youth and adults to succeed in the workforce through secondary and post-secondary career and technical education programs. Programs under the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act provide adult basic education and literacy programs, including English language programs, to adults.

**English Language Acquisition Grants: \$737.400 million** [Maintains FY 2015 funding level]. These grants aim to help English learners in U.S. schools attain English language proficiency and become ready for post-secondary education and careers.

**Performance Partnership Pilots: Up to 10 pilot grants can be awarded** [Maintains FY 2015 funding level]. These grants present an opportunity for states and local areas to test innovative strategies to improve the education, employment, and other key outcomes of disconnected youth through requesting administrative and programmatic flexibilities from participating Federal programs. The Department of Education recently proposed including immigrant and refugee youth as well as youth who are English language learners as priority populations for this program.

## **Department of Health and Human Services**

**Assistance to Refugees and New Entrants: \$1.675 billion** [FY 2015 Enacted: \$1.560 billion; 7.4 percent increase]. These programs, which include refugee resettlement programs administered by the Office of Refugee Resettlement, provide refugees, asylees, trafficking victims, and other individuals assistance to become employed and self-sufficient as soon as possible. Additionally, these programs help coordinate and implement the care and placement of unaccompanied minors who are awaiting the adjudication of their immigration cases.