



## Reentry Training Providers - RFP Q&A

1. As the Pathway Home program is funded by the US Department of Labor and the Career Pipeline program is funded by the PA Department of Labor & Industry -- Are the funds provided through this RFP national funds or state?
  - A. Funds provided through this RFP are national funds for Pathway Home participants and State funds for Career Pipeline participants.
  
2. Are eligible participants for this RFP purely based on referrals from the Pathway Home and Career Pipeline programs, or can the service provider enroll participants that fit program criteria, or both? Further, is the targeted number of individuals served based on our organization's output goals or through anticipated referrals between the two programs in this RFP?
  - A. Eligible participants for this RFP are those referred from the Pathway Home and Career Pipeline programs. However, if a training provider is working with individuals who they believe may benefit from programming, they may reverse refer them to the primary program provider of each program. There is no targeted output goal for training providers. The Pathway Home program aims to serve 100 individuals and the Career Pipeline program aims to serve 50 individuals.
  
3. I received an invitation to bid on the Approved Training Programs for Reentry Employment Programming. My company has worked with Auberle for a few years now and we provide specialized safety training credentials for cohorts that they send to us at our Duquesne Training Center. Specifically, we provide Asbestos Abatement and Hazardous Waste Cleanup training credentials to this individuals make them more attractive to prospective employers since they already have the required credential. Is this program different than the current Partner4Work program that we are already approved for? My contact at Auberle thought that the Pathway Home Program involves delivering credentials to inmates that are in or recently released from Allegheny Co. jail. If that is the case and you feel that our programs would be appropriate, I would definitely be interested in responding to the RFP. In the past, I did conduct an asbestos training to inmates at a prison in Ohio for an employment program that had at the time.
  - A. This RFP is for two new programs that are designed specifically for populations with criminal backgrounds. The Career Pipeline program is for young adults whose lives have been significantly disrupted by the criminal justice system, yet have some barriers remediated and are ready to take the next step in their career pathways. The Pathway Home program works with adults currently incarcerated in Allegheny County Jail and enrolls individuals before they are released. Given

COVID-19 and restrictions within the Jail, training providers who are on the Approved Training Programs for Reentry Employment list for Pathway Home will work with individuals post-release. Training providers who have experience working with job seekers with criminal backgrounds, and who have connections/agreements with employers ready to hire graduates will be prioritized. Training programs who have successfully provided services under the STRIVE grant are encouraged to apply under this procurement.