### CED Grant Recipient Conference 2024



### 2024 NOFO Opportunities

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# Funding Opportunities in 2024



#### **CED Job Creation Grants**

- Up to \$800K to create or expand businesses, resulting in creation of new jobs
- 75% of jobs created filled by individuals with low income
- Focus on high-quality jobs that provide good wages, paid leave, fringe benefits, opportunities for career growth, and/or predictable and flexible scheduling
- Connect employees to critical wraparound support services



### **CED Planning Grants**

- Up to \$150,000 grants
- Build the capacity needed to develop a CED job creation project and submit an application for a CED grant
- Designed to help eliminate barriers to CED participation
- 21 grants awarded in 2023

CED planning grants support the development of new job creation projects.



### **Target Population**

- Income does not exceed 200%
  Federal poverty level
  - https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines
  - Target populations:
    - TANF recipients
    - Non-custodial parents
    - Residents of public housing
    - Formerly incarcerated individuals
    - Homeless
    - Other low-income individuals





### **CED Grant Awards**

- Two grant competitions in 2024:
  - Community Economic Development Job Creation Projects
    - Expected Release: April 2024
    - Application window: ~90 days
  - CED Planning Projects
    - Expected Release: April 2024
    - Application window: ~90 days
- Access opportunities and forecasts on Grants.gov.
  - Search by the CFDA number: 93.570



# Introducing: Simpler NOFOs

- As part of a pilot project, NOFOs of CED and CED Planning grants are simpler and shorter
- Content and evaluation of applications remains similar to previous rounds



## Successful Project Characteristics

- Clear and established need
- Alignment with CED program objectives
  - Creates new high-quality jobs for individuals with low incomes
  - Provides wraparound services
  - Promotes community revitalization
- Clear and detailed plan for project implementation
- Project team has experience with similar projects
- ✓ Sufficient public support to carry out the project
- ✓ Funds available & planned expenditures necessary, appropriate, and reasonable
- Alignment of all project elements

### **Bonus Points**

- Wages above minimum/living wage
- Geographically underserved areas
  - Rural communities
  - Persistent poverty areas
  - Native American communities
  - States or trust territories without active CED grants
- Climate and environmental justice
  - Energy communities
  - Underserved Justice40 Initiative communities
- Collaboration with Current OCS Grant Recipients



### **Other Opportunities**

**Three demonstration grant NOFOs in 2024:** 







- Expected Release Dates: April/May 2024
- Application window: ~90 days
- More Information: Grants.gov



#### Resources

- OCS Website:
  - https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs
- CED Website:
  - www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/programs/ced
- Funding Announcements:
  - www.acf.hhs.gov/grants
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