

# Pathways to Success

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## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Libraries have always provided resources for career development and job information. This grant provides funding for libraries to jump-start or expand this increasingly important role. Libraries will collaborate with local agencies, organizations, and businesses to initiate special focused programming and outreach activities and updates resources.

Grants of up to \$7,500 will be awarded to establish a work center/mentor program.

As part of the grant, libraries will be expected to:

- Develop a program offering help with resumes and job applications, interview techniques, and similar activities
- Create mentorship opportunities for job seekers
- Offer programming and workshops on topics such as changing careers, networking, continuing education options, etc.
- Collaborate with local agencies, organizations, and businesses

## INTERESTED?

Applicants must submit a Letter of Intent form with the “Pathways to Success” option checked off. For additional information about this program, please contact Lyndsay Forbes at the MBLC at 1-800-952-7403 ext. 252 or email [lyndsay.forbes@state.ma.us](mailto:lyndsay.forbes@state.ma.us).

## BACKGROUND

As reported by the Pew Research Center, “Many believe libraries should be pathways to economic opportunity, especially when it comes to providing resources for business development, jobs search and enhancing workforce skills...52% of all Americans 16 and older say libraries should ‘definitely’ create programs for local businesses or entrepreneurs.”