ETA Coronavirus (COVID-19) FAQs

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) has developed a Frequently Answered Questions (FAQs) to address questions related to Coronavirus (COVID-19) to help state and local workforce leaders, and other stakeholders and partners to assist the public workforce system during this crisis.

American Apprenticeship Initiative (AAI)

Updated as of 4/29/20

(New as of 4/29/20) Q: For American Apprenticeship Initiative grantees, what are the expectations for employer outreach and activities, which normally require meeting with people?

Response: Grantees will need to assess their local situation to determine the best course of action for employer outreach. ETA encourages grantees and subrecipients to find alternative methods to reach out to employers such as virtual and telephone outreach. However, the health and safety of grantee staff, partners, and the general public should take priority. If alternative outreach efforts require changes to the grantee’s Statement of Work and/or budget, grantees should discuss grant modification requests with their Federal Project Officer.

(New as of 4/29/20) Q: Can AAI grantees modify the budget and activities to build new capacity that is more resilient to emergencies like COVID-19, e.g., procedures for developing communication to apprentices, employers, sponsors, related instruction providers, etc.?

Response: ETA will consider Statement of Work (SOW) modifications and budget modifications necessary to adjust program delivery and design as a result of COVID-19. Grantees should discuss potential SOW and budget modifications with their Federal Project Officer. Certain changes, such as internal emergency preparedness activities, may not change the statement of work or budget, and are at the discretion of the grantee.