



# RECOMPETE

PILOT PROGRAM | U.S. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

## FACT SHEET

# Phase 2 Awardees

*"A job is about a lot more than a paycheck.*

*It's about dignity. It's about respect.*

*It's about being able to look your kid in the eye and say everything will be okay.*

*Too many people today can't do that — and that's going to change."*

**PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN**

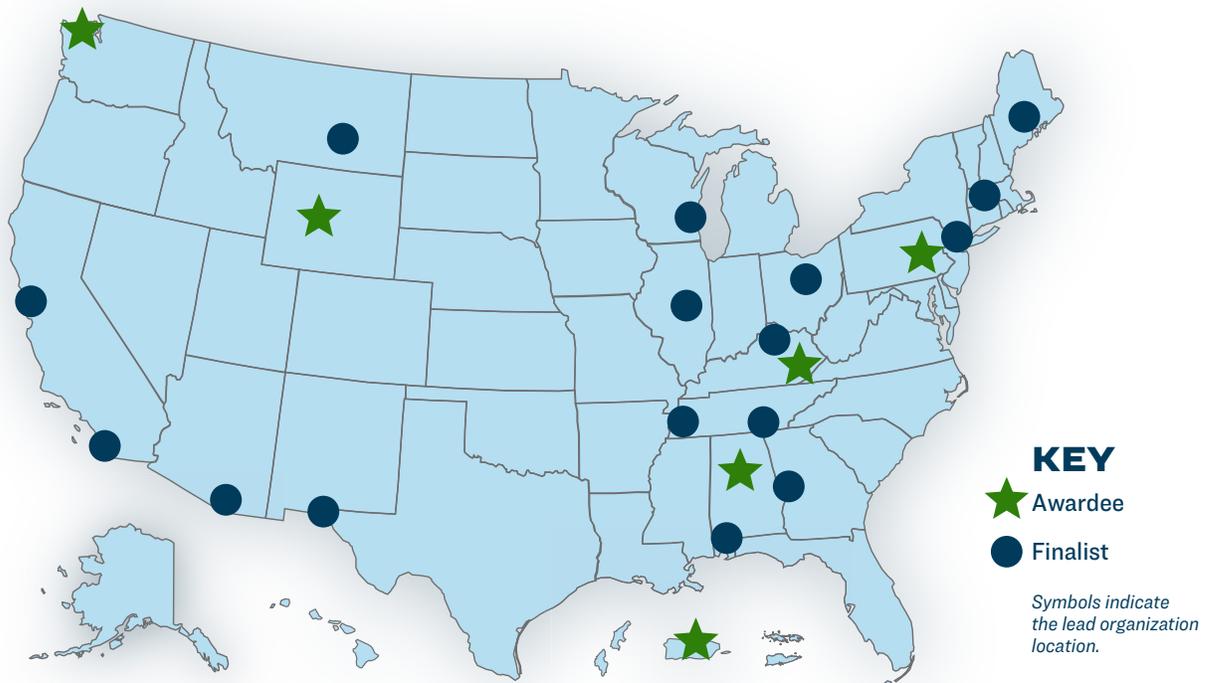
The Biden-Harris Administration is announcing six awardees in the Distressed Area Recompete Pilot Program (Recompete). Awards totaling \$184 million will go toward implementing innovative strategies to create good-paying jobs and economic growth in economically distressed places in the country.

Between 2000 and 2021, more than 15 percent of U.S. counties faced economic distress, meeting the high unemployment requirement to participate in the Recompete program. Since the Biden-Harris Administration took office, these counties have seen job growth rates four times higher than during the previous four years.

Recompete was authorized for \$1 billion in the Chips and Science Act, and as of August 2024, Congress has appropriated \$200 million to implement the program.

**The Recompete program exemplifies how the Biden-Harris Administration is ensuring all communities benefit from its work rebuilding a strong national economy and how those places that have experienced decades of underinvestment can come back stronger than ever.**

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## RECOMPETE AWARDEES

- Allentown, Pennsylvania** will receive approximately **\$20 million** to create **650 jobs** in Franklin Park, Center City, and the Wards, the three most distressed neighborhoods in the city and to improve employment in these communities to match the city-wide average by 2030.

Led by the City of Allentown, the City of Allentown Recompete Plan will bring together 38 local partners and invest in expanded training programs, improved transit, increased supply of high-quality affordable childcare, and a network of career coaches to connect residents to these initiatives. Together, these investments will connect these neighborhoods to jobs in the growing healthcare and manufacturing sectors.

- Birmingham, Alabama** will receive approximately **\$20 million** to drive **1,500 new employer-based job commitments** into the historically Black and redlined neighborhoods of North Birmingham, Northside, Pratt, and Smithfield.

Led by the City of Birmingham, the Reinvest Birmingham Recompete Plan will invest in workforce training to residents in target neighborhoods through a partnership with HBCU Lawson State Community College. The funding also includes support for small businesses and expanding access to transportation and childcare in the target neighborhoods.

- Eastern Kentucky** will receive approximately **\$40 million** to advance local industries, small business support, and job placements for people in recovery, former coal workers, and others in a twelve-county region.

Led by Shaping Our Appalachian Region (SOAR), the Eastern Kentucky Runway Recompete Plan will invest in a Workforce Training and Support Network geared towards healthcare, energy, and tech sectors, an Appalachian Digital Career Academy to grow employment in remote jobs, and two training centers to expand pathways to higher-paying healthcare careers. These initiatives will be accelerated through peer-to-peer outreach and engagement to non-employed residents, with specific supports for those in recovery from substance abuse.

- San Juan, Puerto Rico** will receive approximately **\$30 million** to concentrate social services, workforce training, and an additional **\$130 million** in public funding into the Villa Prades neighborhood to create **2,800 jobs**.

Led by the Platform for Social Impact, the Oasis Expansion Recompete Plan will invest in an integrated, multigenerational support model to help working-age adults return to work, with projects including child and elder care programming, coordinated wraparound services, small business supports, and social safety net reforms that aim to address family economic mobility. The Recompete Plan will be supported by first-of-its-kind partnerships with the City of San Juan and the four agencies in the Government of Puerto Rico.

- Washington State's North Olympic Peninsula** will receive approximately **\$35 million** to establish long-term, competitive timber and maritime industries within five Tribal Nations, Clallam County, and Jefferson County, leading to the creation of **1,300 new jobs**.

Led by Clallam County, the North Olympic Peninsula Recompete Plan will invest in workforce training, a Community Care Hub to provide wraparound support, manufacturing equipment, and a barge network to improve trade and transportation among remote tribes. In addition, funding will be used to add economic development capacity to five area Tribes, providing funding for the most underserved communities in the region to participate directly in economic development opportunities.

- Wind River Reservation, Wyoming** will receive approximately **\$36 million** to make the necessary investments to ensure the **\$800+ million** of economic activity in nearby **Yellowstone National Park** benefits the **Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho Tribes**.

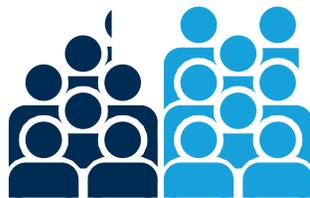
Led by the Wind River Development Fund, the Wind River Indigenous-based Economy Recompete Plan will invest in facilities and programming for ecotourism and cultural preservation, workforce development, indigenous agriculture, health care expansion, and land sovereignty. Together, these investments will provide the necessary physical infrastructure and programming to jumpstart business investment and good jobs for residents living on the reservation.

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**\$34,800** Awardees  
**\$74,042** Natl' Avg

MEDIAN  
HOUSEHOLD INCOME



**63%** Awardees  
**78%** Natl' Avg

PRIME AGE  
EMPLOYMENT RATE



**34%**

POVERTY RATE



**9,000**

JOBS CREATED OR  
PLACED THROUGH  
RECOMPETE

## AWARDEE COMMUNITIES FACTS

*"Recompete exemplifies how to bring a community together to solve a problem and commit to a bigger, stronger future.*

*Together, the six awardees collectively submitted more than 300 community commitments... including approximately \$350 million in complementary investments from the Biden-Harris Administration and other sources, to fulfill their visions."*

**ALEJANDRA Y. CASTILLO**

Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development

## COMMUNITY COMMITMENTS

Recompete Finalists were asked to demonstrate "Community Commitments" from regional and community organizations necessary to ensuring the success of each Recompete Plan. These commitments include job commitments from the private sector, leveraged public and philanthropic investment, and state and local policy changes to support Recompete goals, among others.

**Employers commit to recruit, hire, and support residents from the Recompete service areas.**

**AWARDEE EXAMPLES**

► **Reinvest Birmingham Recompete Plan**

Employers have pledged to create more than 5,000 jobs for residents. The Coca Cola Bottling Company, for instance, commits to hiring 100 qualified applicants from the Recompete training program over the next five years.

► **Eastern Kentucky Runway Recompete Plan**

Rye Development and Edelen Renewables — two clean energy companies — commit to creating more than 2,000 jobs and hiring directly from the Recompete initiative over the next five years.

**Local partners commit to contributing existing assets and infrastructure to support project implementation.**

**AWARDEE EXAMPLES**

► **Wind River Indigenous-based Economy Recompete Plan**

St. Stephen's Indian School on the Wind River Indian Reservation commits to using its facilities to host expanded career and technical education courses, provided by Central Wyoming College through this funding.

► **North Olympic Peninsula Recompete Plan**

The Olympic Community of Health (OCH), a local non-profit, commits \$25 million of technical infrastructure to establish a one-stop access point for residents to access employment-related support services.

**Philanthropic and government funders commit to aligning resources with Recompete funding.**

**AWARDEE EXAMPLES**

► **Eastern Kentucky Runway Recompete Plan**

The Kentucky General Assembly commits \$4 million in unencumbered and unrestricted cash match to complement the Recompete award. The coalition submitted another \$6 million in cash commitments from philanthropic supporters, the regional Pikeville Medical Center, and other partners.

► **Oasis Expansion Recompete Plan**

Puerto Rico government agencies — including the City of San Juan and Departments of the Family, Housing, Economic Development and Trade, and Education — commit to aligning more than \$130 million in funds and initiatives to the Recompete Plan, including over \$40 million in a recently announced new center to house Recompete programs.

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**COMMUNITY COMMITMENTS** *continued*


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**Local and state/territory authorities commit to enacting policy changes to support the overall initiative.**

**AWARDEE EXAMPLES**
**■ City of Allentown Recompete Plan**

The city commits to aligning neighborhood planning and development to concentrate economic activity within the Recompete service area. For example, the city is undergoing a comprehensive update of its zoning code to drive affordable housing and employment within the three highly distressed target neighborhoods.

**■ North Olympic Peninsula Recompete Plan**

The Clallam Transit System commits to providing zero-fare transit rides and a low-cost rideshare program for employees traveling to and from job sites.

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**These commitments from local partners—along with hundreds of others—play a critical role in ensuring that Recompete Plans are integrated into each community’s broader economic development strategy; and that the awardees can sustain impact beyond the grant period of these initial awards.**



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