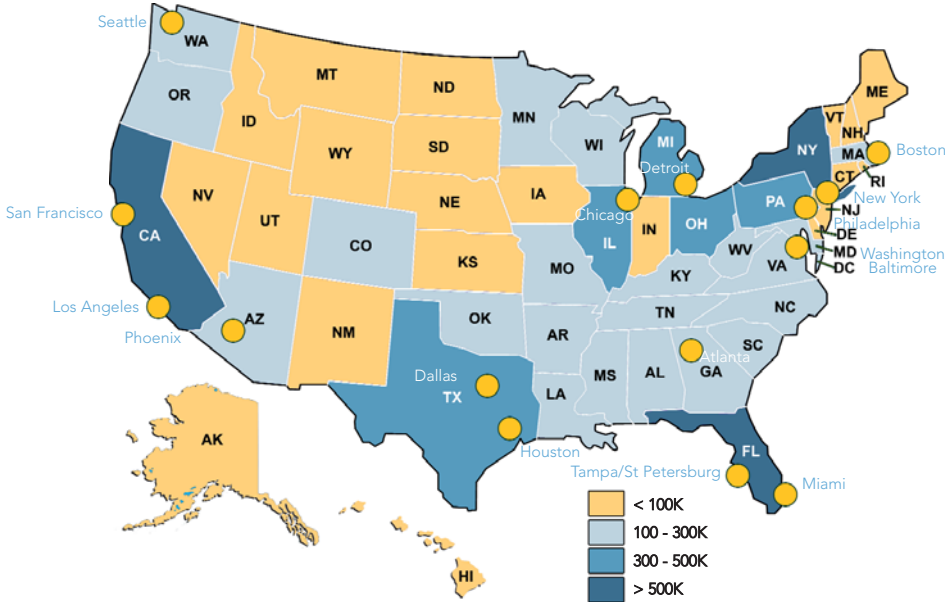


# Ticket Work

## New Revenue and Resources for Community Development

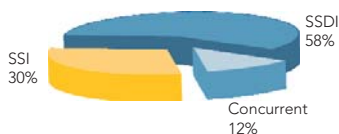
The Ticket to Work Program is a new Social Security Administration (SSA) employment and healthcare initiative for people with disabilities who want to work. The Program goal is to increase opportunities and choices for Social Security disability beneficiaries to find employment, vocational rehabilitation, and other support services through a pool of providers known as Employment Networks (ENs), including state Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) agencies.

Distribution: 10 Million Ticket-holders Nationwide, including US territories



Approximately 10 million SSA beneficiaries with disabilities, between the ages of 18 through 64, who receive Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) are

### Profile of Ticket-holders



eligible to participate in this Program. Approximately 20% of the Ticket-holders reside in 15 metropolitan areas, as denoted by circles above.

### How does Ticket to Work contribute to community development?

Studies cite the unemployment rate for people with disabilities to be over 70%. This untapped resource of employees offers experience, education, and enthusiasm to meet the needs of today's workforce. Working people with disabilities contribute to local economic development through taxes and disposable income while reducing their dependency on government benefits.

### How can community development organizations participate in the Program?

The Ticket Program encourages organizations to participate by building community networks for employment for individuals with disabilities. By becoming an EN or partnering with ENs, community development organizations can strengthen communities and promote economic independence and self-sufficiency for nearly 10 million people with disabilities nationwide.

### Value-Added for Community Development Organizations

- Access new, flexible, non-restricted funding
- Offset costs to support new/existing programs
- Develop programs/partnerships supporting community needs
- Increase partnership opportunities with employers and community organizations
- Support current mission/vision
- Strengthen local/state tax base
- Access free training, ongoing support and resources

## Examples of one or many services ENs can provide:

- Career assessment
- Case management
- Job placement/training
- Transitional employment
- Careers consulting/strategies
- Service coordination/referrals
- Transportation assistance
- Workforce/Economic Development
  - Small business development
  - Financial planning
  - Housing assistance
  - Community reinvestment/revitalization

## Types of Employment Networks (non-profit and for-profit organizations)\*

- Community/Economic Development Authorities
- Social Entrepreneurs
- Micro-enterprise organizations
- Foundations, consultants, & other funding organizations
- Community Action Agencies
- WIA Boards and One-Stop Centers
- Local and state government programs/agencies
- Faith-Based organizations
- Disability/Rehabilitation providers
- Employers
- Public and private schools & colleges

\* By legislation, all State VR Agencies are part of the Ticket Program and can participate as an EN.

## Contact Information

MAXIMUS® Ticket to Work Program  
Employment Network Marketing Team

Toll-Free Line:

**1-866-YOURTICKET (1-866-968-7842)**

Toll-Free Line TDD Line for Hearing and  
Speech Impaired:

**1-866-TDD2WORK (1-866-833-2967)**

On the Web at:

[www.yourtickettowork.com](http://www.yourtickettowork.com)

[www.socialsecurity.gov/work](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/work)

## Imagine the funding possible when multiple Ticket-holders go to work!

Millions of dollars in new, nonrestricted, unduplicated funding is available to support local programs.

### TTW Revenue Available for Employment Networks (ENs)

Long Term	\$10,000 - \$20,000 for <i>every</i> Ticket-holder working. Up to 60 monthly payments are available
Short Term	\$170 - \$336 per month for <i>every</i> Ticket-holder working that month

Every month a Ticket-holder is employed at a certain wage level, the EN receives revenue.

## Can You Afford Not to Participate?

### Options to participate .....

- Join as an official SSA Employment Network (EN)
- Partner with one or many ENs to receive or make referrals
- Promote and facilitate community alliances
- Create awareness through outreach programs, newsletters, events, and Web sites
- Link to Ticket to Work at [www.yourtickettowork.com](http://www.yourtickettowork.com)
- Encourage Ticket-holders to participate in the Program
- **Hire people in the Program!**

### Champion choice, independence and diversity .....

Become part of a national network of organizations recognized for making a difference in the lives of people with disabilities.

Review, complete and submit the EN proposal/application. Download the RFP - [SSA-RFP-03-0010C](#) directly from [www.fedbizopps.gov](http://www.fedbizopps.gov).

This RFP is a non-competitive, open-ended award process.

*All of us do not have equal talent, but all of us should have an equal opportunity to develop our talents. - John F. Kennedy*