Subject Specific Grant Guide

Grants to Support Workforce Development Projects

This guide identifies funding opportunities released in the previous year. Please note that this guide may not capture all available funding opportunities. Additionally, some programs may have changed or may not be released due to shifting administrative priorities among funding agencies. The grants included here represent traditionally offered opportunities intended to serve as a reliable foundation for your funding research.

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Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2024	$11.5 million	39
2023	$14million	43

Key Information

Total Funding: Unspecified
Award Range: Varies by project type
Match: Varies by economic status of project county
Solicitation date: January 13, 2025
Proposal due: February 14, 2025 (Letter of Intent), March 10, 2025 (Proposal)

https://www.arc.gov/grants-and-opportunities/sud/

Awardee Profile

Hope Center for Arts and Technology, Inc.
Sharon, PA

AMOUNT: $50,000
YEAR: 2024

Funding was awarded for the Manufacturing Hope Program Planning Project to conduct a community needs assessment and prepare a strategic plan to implement a new SUD recovery-to-work program. The program will guide individuals in recovery through a recovery-conducive vocational training program in the manufacturing sector, pair them with local employers, and support their transition into the manufacturing workforce.

Agency: Appalachian Regional Commission

FY 2025 Investments Supporting Partnerships in Recovery Ecosystems (INSPIRE) Initiative

Detailed Summary

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Projects must also be consistent with the funding agency's strategic plan, which can be found online at *www.arc.gov/strategicplan*.This program primarily focuses on Goal 2 of the strategic plan, which is to build Appalachia's workforce ecosystem by strengthening community services to help residents get jobs, stay employed, and advance in their careers.

Supported projects are expected to be evidence-based or based on emerging research, and must address one or more of the following priorities:

- Job training and skill building: provide skills development, education, and support to help individuals in recovery acquire meaningful employment
- Prevention activities: strategies, programs, and practices aimed at reducing the initiation, misuse, and progression of substance use and minimizing the risk of developing SUD
- Workforce partnership: creating and enhancing collaborations among various stakeholders to support individuals in recovery by addressing workforce challenges and fostering sustainable employment opportunities
- Research, evaluation, and innovation: systematic collection, analysis, and application of information to improve understanding, assess outcomes, and develop new approaches to address SUD effectively as applicants build, expand, and improve their ecosystems
- Employer support and recovery-ready workplaces: workplace frameworks designed to address SUD and foster environments where employees can seek help, recover, and thrive
- Local, state, and regional partnership: collaborations among various stakeholders to address the complex challenges associated with prevention, treatment, and recovery from SUD
- Stigma reduction: strategies and actions aimed at diminishing the negative attitudes, stereotypes, and discrimination faced by individuals with SUD
- Wraparound services: holistic, coordinated approach to care that addresses the multiple and interconnected needs of individuals struggling with SUD, including addressing barriers to workforce participation and provision of essential recovery-to-work services

Support is available through the following project categories:

- Implementation: Support for projects to launch, expand, or replicate evidence-based programs that help Appalachians who are in recovery from SUD to enter or reenter the workforce. Applicants must have existing partnerships that support a recovery ecosystem.
- Planning: Support for projects designed to help eligible organizations develop evidence-based plans for SUD recovery ecosystem programs, which may be implemented in the future. Supported activities may include:
  - Creating strategies and plans to strengthen partnerships or coalitions
  - Conducting community needs assessments and identifying necessary services like housing, transportation, and social support
  - Identifying current gaps and future demands to guide recovery-to-work activities
  - Developing training and employment readiness plans
  - Designing educational programs for employers on HR policies, supervisory practices, and peer-support services to boost engagement in the recovery-ready workforce (RRW) model
  - Creating plans for service delivery and long-term sustainability
  - Evaluating the SUD recovery ecosystem or RRW model to build on emerging and evidence-based practices

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are local development districts; Indian tribes or consortia of Indian tribes; states, counties cities and other political subdivisions of a state, including special-purpose units of a state or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities; institutions of higher education or consortia of institutions of higher education; consortia of political divisions; public and private nonprofits, and public or private nonprofit organizations or associations.

Projects must benefit the Appalachian region which includes certain counties in Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia, and all of West Virginia. For projects that extend beyond the funding agency's designated region, only the portion that is within the region is eligible. A map of the Appalachian Region is available online.

Multistate projects will be accepted. Each applicant may submit only one application.

Funding

In FY 2025, an unspecified amount of funding is expected to be available to support awards through this program. Funding per project component varies as follows:

- Implementation projects: awards of up to $500,000 for project periods of up to 36 months
- Planning projects: awards of up to $100,000 for project periods of up to 18 months

Applicants must demonstrate a matching share from non-funding agency sources that is identified as available and applicable to the project. Matching sources may be cash or in-kind nonfederal, other federal, or a combination of both sources.

The minimum match amount is determined by funding agency classification of the county or counties served by the project as follows:

- Distressed: at least 20 percent

- At-risk: at least 30 percent
- Transitional: at least 50 percent
- Competitive: at least 70 percent

A map of county classifications can be found online at www.arc.gov/match.

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Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)

FY 2025 AmeriCorps State and National Competitive Grants

Grant Overview

AmeriCorps State and National Grants support projects that engage AmeriCorps members in evidence-based or evidence-informed interventions / practices to strengthen communities. Eligible applicants are Native American/Indian tribes, institutions of higher education, local governments, school districts, non-profit organizations, State Service Commissions, states, and US territories.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2024	$370 million	300
2023	$444 million	350
2022	$580 million	342

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Unspecified
Match: Varies by award type
Solicitation date: August 20, 2024
Proposal due: January 23, 2025

- AmeriCorps will host a webinar containing an overview of the FY 2025 ASN Competitive Notice, how to apply, and application requirements on September 18, 2024, at 1 pm ET. Registration via this link is required.

https://americorps.gov/funding-opportunity/fy-2025-americorps-state-national-grants

Awardee Profile

City Year, Inc.
Los Angeles, CA

AMOUNT: $5,000,000
YEAR: 2024

City Year Los Angeles received $5,000,000 to provide 215 AmeriCorps volunteers across their regions that engaged in supporting students social, emotional and academic skills and mindsets to succeed in school and in life.

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)

FY 2025 AmeriCorps State and National Competitive Grants

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support projects that engage AmeriCorps members in evidence-based or evidence-informed interventions/practices to strengthen communities. An AmeriCorps member is an individual who engages in community service through an approved national service position. Members may receive a living allowance and other benefits while serving. AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers serve with organizations dedicated to the improvement of communities and those serving. AmeriCorps helps make service a cornerstone of our national culture.

AmeriCorps' priorities for this funding opportunity are:

- Organizations leading service in communities with concentrated poverty, rural communities, tribal communities, and those organizations serving historically underrepresented and underserved individuals, including but not limited to communities of color, immigrants and refugees, people with disabilities, people who identify as part of the LGBTQIA+ community, people with arrest and/or conviction records, and religious minorities;
- Evidence-based interventions on the AmeriCorps Evidence Exchange that are assessed as having Moderate or Strong evidence. Please note that many of these interventions have demonstrated effectiveness in improving outcomes for individuals living in underserved communities and that the agency has committed resources to supporting grantees seeking to replicate and evaluate these interventions in similar communities;
- Veterans and Military Families, Caregivers, and Survivors – a program model that improves the quality of life of veterans and improves the well-being of military and veteran families, caregivers, and survivors;
- Faith-based organizations;
- Programs that provide additional benefits to AmeriCorps members aimed at enhancing member experience and bolstering member recruitment and retention such as paying more than the minimum living allowance, transportation, housing, food, etc.;
- Programs that create workforce pathways for AmeriCorps members, including deliberate training, certifications, and hiring preferences or support;
- Environmental Stewardship, including supporting communities to become more resilient through measures that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, conserve land and water, increase renewable energy use and improve at-risk ecosystems, especially in underserved households and communities;
- Community-based programs that enhance and expand services to second chance youth and/or engage those youth as AmeriCorps members;
- Programs that support civic bridgebuilding programs and projects to reduce polarization and community divisions; and providing training in civic bridgebuilding skills and techniques to AmeriCorps members;

- Programs focused on implementing or expanding access to high-quality early learning and those that prepare AmeriCorps members to enter early learning careers.

To receive priority consideration, applicants must show that the priority area is a significant part of the program focus and intended outcomes. Proposing programs that receive priority consideration does not guarantee funding.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are Native American/Indian tribes, institutions of higher education, local governments, school districts, non-profit organizations, State Service Commissions, states, and US territories.

AmeriCorps encourages organizations that have not received prior funding from AmeriCorps to apply (e.g., small community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, etc.). New applicants are eligible to apply for Cost Reimbursement and Education Award Program (EAP) grants but are not eligible to apply for Full Cost Fixed Amount grants.

Funding

In FY 2025, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support an unspecified number of awards through this program. Awards will be provided on a fixed-amount or cost-reimbursement basis. Applicants are limited to one award type per project in any fiscal year.

AmeriCorps anticipates making three-year grant awards. AmeriCorps generally makes an initial award for the first year of the period of performance, based on a one-year budget. Applicants must submit a one-year budget. Continuation awards for subsequent years are not guaranteed; they depend upon availability of future appropriations and satisfactory performance. For fully funded awards (those who have received more than one year of funding), those funds are guaranteed.

Applicants may propose any program start date that aligns with their program design. The period of performance may not be before July 1, 2025.

Matching and Cost Sharing

There are no matching requirements for fixed-amount awards; however, awards will not cover all project costs. Applicants are required to match funds provided by AmeriCorps. The applicant's match can be non-AmeriCorps cash and/or in-kind contributions. Applicants must show that they can meet the match requirement when they submit the application. Applicants must say in their application if they have already secured the match funding.

Fixed-amount award recipients must therefore raise the additional revenue required to operate the program. For cost-reimbursement awards, first-time applicants must provide matching funds of 24 percent for the first three-year period. Beginning in the fourth year, matching requirement gradually increases every three years to 30 percent by year ten.

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https://americorps.gov/funding-opportunity/fy-2025-americorps-state-national-grants

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Department: U.S. Department of Commerce
Agency: Economic Development Administration

FY 2024 Build to Scale Program

Grant Overview

The Build to Scale Program aims to increase the capacity of entrepreneurs in regions throughout the United States to demonstrate, deploy, and deliver new technologies by starting and growing new companies and creating and sustaining new, good jobs. To maximize that flexibility, this iteration of Build to Scale combines the former Venture Challenge and Capital Challenge into a single Implementation Challenge, which will allow projects to increase access to capital alongside other activities. Eligible applicants are states, Indian tribes, cities or political subdivisions of a state, and entities whose application is supported by a state or political subdivision.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2021	$36.5 million	50
2020	$35 million	52

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: $50 million
Award Range: Up to $5 million
Match: One-to-one
Solicitation date: September 9, 2024
Proposal due: October 28, 2024

- Applicants will strengthen their applications by centering their strategies on one or a combination of the key technology focus areas that the National Science Foundation (NSF) updates annually.

https://www.eda.gov/funding/programs/build-to-scale

Awardee Profile

City and County of Denver, CO

YEAR: 2023
AMOUNT: $750,000

The funding will scale the Inclusive Impact Catalyst (ICC) project and support the operations of the Herman Malone Fund in the City and County of Denver. The Herman Malone Fund—Denver's and the country's first investment fund focused exclusively on deploying capital to entrepreneurs who are Black, Indigenous and people of color, women, people with disabilities and people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer (BIPOC+) and others.

Department: U.S. Department of Commerce
Agency: Economic Development Administration

FY 2024 Build to Scale Program

Detailed Summary

This program aims to increase the capacity of entrepreneurs in regions throughout the United States to demonstrate, deploy, and deliver new technologies by starting and growing new companies and creating and sustaining new, good jobs. The purpose of this program is to advance innovation economies that can accelerate the adoption and delivery of new technologies; with the ultimate goal of increasing regional and global competitiveness.

The funding agency invites organizations that support technology- and innovation-centric, high-growth companies (including but not limited to startups) as they develop, demonstrate, and deploy the next generation of critical and emerging technologies to apply for Build to Scale funding. The program aims to:

- Build public and private capacity for entrepreneurs and innovators to invent, improve, and bring to market new products and services in critical, emerging, and transformative sectors and industries;
- Accelerate the growth of regional economies that are focused on industries of the future;
- Empower communities to provide proof-of-concept and commercialization assistance to technology innovators and entrepreneurs; and
- Equitably and inclusively increase access to capital for technology-enabled entrepreneurs.

This program supports organizations that may be operating initiatives to unlock investment capital across a region or sector, operating programs to accelerate company growth, empowering the next generation of entrepreneurs, or otherwise enabling technology commercialization.

To maximize that flexibility, this iteration of Build to Scale combines the former Venture Challenge and Capital Challenge into a single Implementation Challenge, which will allow projects to increase access to capital alongside other activities.

The Implementation Challenge focuses on technology entrepreneurship and is designed to accelerate company growth in a specific technology area and specific region with aligned assets, resources, and capabilities. Competitive proposals will outline how the project will strengthen U.S. economic competitiveness through new product or service innovation or new technology adoption; enhancing research commercialization processes and outcomes; remediating structural barriers that inhibit regional innovation capacity and resilience; or leveraging regional competitive strengths to stimulate innovation and the creation of high-skill and high-wage jobs. Applicants should provide empirical evidence that illustrates how funds leveraged through this competition will not only launch or scale programming, but also generate sustainable added value for the region's entrepreneurial ecosystem by augmenting existing regional assets for innovation and commercialization.

Applications may also encompass activities that support the formation, launch, or scale of investment funds that seek to raise equity-based capital to deploy in scalable startups (e.g., angel, seed, or venture funds); or that expand equity-based capital access and deployment within a community, region, or regional industry (e.g., angel networks or investor training programs). These proposals may:

- Identify, educate, and connect investors and other potential sources of equity-based capital (whether traditional, hybrid, or new structures) within a regional technology cluster;
- Identify sources of potential investments (i.e., deal flow) and build capacity to conduct due diligence and close investment deals;
- Raise and deploy equity or equity-based capital, whether through traditional or hybrid models, within a regional technology cluster via a fund or other collaborative investment framework; or
- Deploy investment capital into technology startups based on an investment thesis that clearly supports and fosters the growth of a regional technology cluster and its entrepreneurship ecosystem.

The funding agency expects projects to advance equity to underserved populations to the extent practicable. EDA is seeking projects that directly benefit: (1) one or more traditionally underserved populations or (2) underserved communities within geographies that have been systemically and/or systematically denied a full opportunity to participate in aspects of economic prosperity such as Tribal Lands, Persistent Poverty Counties, and rural areas with demonstrated, historical underservice.

Awards may only fund operational and programmatic costs related to developing and supporting regional innovation initiatives.

Award funding or matching share may not be used as investment capital but may be used to operate or support one or more investment vehicles.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are states; Indian tribes; cities or other political subdivisions of a state; and entity whose application is supported by a State or a political subdivision of a state and that is— a nonprofit organization; an institution of higher education; a public-private partnership; a science or research park; a federal laboratory; a venture development organization; or an economic development organization, or similar entity. A consortium of any of the aforementioned entities is also eligible.

Funding

In FY 2024, approximately $50 million is available to support an anticipated 40 – 50 awards of up to $5 million through this program.

The funding agency anticipates Implementation Challenge awards will have periods of performance of 24-60 months with an estimated start date in winter 2025.

Matching and Cost Sharing

A minimum one-to-one (1:1) match is required for all Build to Scale awards. A matching share greater than the 1:1 requirement will be accepted but is not necessary to qualify for funding and will not make an applicant more competitive.

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Department: U.S. Department of Commerce
Agency: Economic Development Administration

FY 2024 Distressed Area Recompete Pilot Program (Phase 2)

Grant Overview

This program provides funding to alleviate persistent economic distress and support long-term comprehensive economic development and job creation, in places with a high prime-age (25-54) employment gap (PAEG). Applicants may apply for a Strategy Development Grant or Recompete Plan or both. This is Phase 2 of a two-phase competition. Eligible applicants are local governments, the District of Columbia, territories, tribal governments, political subdivisions of a state or other entity including special-purpose entities engaged in economic development activities, public entities and nonprofit organizations acting in cooperation with the officials of a political subdivision of a state or other entity, economic development districts, and coalitions of any of the above entities that serve or are contained within a single geographic area.

Program History

This is Phase 2 of a two-phase competition.

Key Information

Total Funding: $200 million
Award Range: Varies
Match: Not required
Solicitation date: December 20, 2023
Proposal due: April 25, 2024

https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/351405

Tips

- Only applicants that EDA approved a Recompete Plan in Phase 1 will be permitted to apply to Phase 2.
- The funding agency is targeting geographies where a high PAEG exists because good jobs are not available and/or barriers keep people out of the workforce (*e.g.*, supportive services are lacking).
- Budgets are a competitive factor. Applicants are encouraged to consider the highest return on federal investments.

Department: U.S. Department of Commerce
Agency: Economic Development Administration

FY 2024 Distressed Area Recompete Pilot Program (Phase 2)

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to alleviate persistent economic distress and support long-term comprehensive economic development and job creation, in places with a high prime-age employment gap (PAEG). For the purposes of this program, prime-age is defined as ages 25 to 54. Ultimately, the program's goal is to ensure that all communities have a path to economic prosperity. The funding agency will support communities through flexible, bottom-up strategy and implementation awards that tackle the unique challenges these communities face. This is Phase 2 of a two-phase competition.

Phase 2 of the competition will make implementation awards based on the likelihood of an applicant to raise prime-age employment and wages, and promote long-term economic development. The funding agency will invest in applicants that have a clear understanding of local conditions and pathways to support good jobs while ensuring the benefits are shared equitably.

Implementation grants can support a wide range of non-construction and construction activities that aim to increase regional capacity across the following four broad categories: workforce development; business and entrepreneur development; infrastructure; and additional planning, predevelopment, or technical assistance.

In Phase 2 applications, applicants must clearly articulate why they are uniquely positioned to serve the region, have the support of key stakeholders within the Eligible Area and have the capacity and leadership to meaningfully increase prime-age employment over the duration of the proposed grant.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are finalists selected in Phase 1. These entities include local governments, the District of Columbia, territories, tribal governments, political subdivisions of a state or other entity including special-purpose entities engaged in economic development activities, public entities and nonprofit organizations acting in cooperation with the officials of a political subdivision of a state or other entity, economic development districts, and coalitions of any of the above entities that serve or are contained within a single geographic area. Some institutions of higher education will be eligible if they fall within one of the above categories.

In rare circumstances, the Lead Applicant may change (e.g., from one coalition member to another), and applicants must receive approval for this from the original Lead and program EDA Point of Contact. Applications submitted with a new Lead Applicant should provide rationale in their application materials as to why.

Recompete Pilot Program investments must be located in one of two Eligible Area types:

- Local Labor Markets (LLMs): a Metropolitan Statistical Area, a Micropolitan Statistical Area, a commuting zone, or Tribal lands. LLMs with a PAEG of at least 2.5 percent are eligible.
- Local Communities (LCs): areas served by a general-purpose unit of local government (*e.g.*, county government, municipal government) that is located within but does not cover the entire area of an LLM and meets the following criteria:
    - It exists within an LLM that does not qualify for Recompete funding; and
    - EITHER:
        - The entire area served by the unit of local government on average has a PAEG of at least 5 percent and a median annual household income of no more than $75,000; or
        - The area served by the unit of local government has five or more contiguous Census tracts that each individually have a PAEG of at least 5 percent and median annual household income of no more than $75,000. In this instance, the applicant's service area must be contained within the identified Census tracts.

EDA expects the geographic scope of Phase 2 proposals to largely match that of Phase 1. However, EDA anticipates that there may be certain circumstances where an applicant's service area may have changed (*e.g.*, reducing the geographic Service Area to increase the concentration of investments, expanding to bring in another distressed part of the community).

The Service Area may be all or any subset of the Eligible Area. Some proposals may specifically focus on certain neighborhoods or communities to have the highest impact. Applicants may propose to concentrate investments rather than distribute the benefits evenly across the Eligible Area. EDA will prioritize those applications that focus on interventions that aim to significantly increase prime-age employment, wages, and long-term economic development.

Funding

In FY 2024, approximately $200 million is available under this program until expended. In FY 2024, under Recompete Phase 2, the funding agency anticipates funding 4-8 applications that will each include 3-8 Implementation projects.

The funding agency expects grants to Local Labor Markets (LLMs) to average approximately $50,000,000 total and grants to Local Communities (LCs) to average approximately $20,000,000 total.

The period of performance may vary depending on the scope of work. The funding agency expects that most projects will range from 24 to 60 months, however in some circumstances a grant may be awarded beyond that period.

Applicants are permitted to propose investments that are higher or lower than these expected averages, as the funding agency encourages applicants to propose investments reflective of the cost to implement solutions that would best reduce their Service Area's PAEG, increase per capita wages, and promote long-term economic development. Similarly, the amount awarded will depend heavily on the types of interventions a particular place needs.

Matching and Cost Sharing

In general, Phase 2 Implementation grants, may be awarded with a maximum 100 percent federal grant rate (*i.e.*, no local match required).

However, matching dollars, leveraged dollars or commitments, and policy commitments are a competitive factor. No particular form of community commitment (including match) is considered inherently more competitive than any other, but commitments will be evaluated on how impactful they will be in supporting the region's Recompete Plan.

Applications that want to submit matching dollars must include commitment letters or equivalent documents that demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the funding agency, that all matching funds (regardless of kind, *e.g.*, cash, loans, bonds, in-kind) from all sources (*e.g.*, any applicant, any co-applicants, and any other sources of matching funds) referenced in the application will be unencumbered, unrestricted, and committed at the time of award and that are signed by authorized representatives of the sources of the matching funds. Authorized representatives must have the authority to execute documents and to obligate and expend funds on behalf of their respective organizations.

In addition, applicants should indicate if other Federal funds have been secured for, or have been requested to support, any portion of the project for which an EDA investment is proposed.

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https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/351405

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Department: U.S. Department of Commerce
Agency: Economic Development Administration (EDA)

FY 2025 Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (PWEEA)

Grant Overview

This program assists communities and regions in devising and implementing long-term economic development efforts through a variety of non-construction and construction projects. Eligible applicants are district organizations; Indian Tribes; states, counties, cities, and other political subdivisions of states, including special purpose units of state or local governments engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities; institutions of higher education; and private or public nonprofits acting in cooperation with officials of political subdivisions of states.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2024	$429,177,544	209
2023	$161,930,109	85

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Unspecified
Award Range: Varies by project category
Match: Varies
Solicitation date: September 16, 2025
Proposal due: Rolling

- In FY 2025, the notice of funding opportunity was revised with the funding agency's updated investment priorities and other technical changes.

For more information, click here.

Awardee Profile

City of West Lafayette, IN

AMOUNT: $2,073,500
YEAR: 2024

The City of West Lafayette, IN, received Public Works funding to support increasing the wastewater treatment capacity for the Purdue Research Park. The project work includes the expansion of an existing regional lift station and a larger force main. The grantee estimates that this investment to expand the Park's wastewater capacity will help create 400 jobs and leverage $20 million in private investment.

Department: U.S. Department of Commerce
Agency: Economic Development Administration (EDA)

FY 2025 Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (PWEEA)

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to assist communities and regions in devising and implementing long-term economic development efforts through a variety of non-construction and construction projects. Funding will support bottom-up strategies that build on regional assets to spur economic growth and resiliency, and applicants are encouraged to propose initiatives that present new ideas and creative approaches to advance economic prosperity in distressed communities. Further, the funding agency recognizes the value of project alignment and integration with existing regional public or private investments to extend the impact of these efforts. Applicants need not specify the program for which they are applying, as the funding agency will consider the application under the most appropriate pool of funding.

Projects must be consistent with at least one of the following investment priorities of the funding agency: critical infrastructure, workforce, innovation and entrepreneurship, economic recovery resilience, and manufacturing. The funding agency is not prioritizing any investment priorities over another.

Separate program funds are available for the Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) programs, as follows:

- Public Works: The funding agency provides catalytic investments to help distressed communities build, design, or engineer critical infrastructure and facilities that will help implement regional development strategies and advance bottom-up economic development goals to promote regional prosperity. The Public Works program provides resources to meet the construction and/or infrastructure design needs of communities to enable them to become more economically competitive.
- EAA: The funding agency provides investments that support a wide range of construction and non-construction activities in regions experiencing adverse economic changes that may occur suddenly or over time. Supported activities include construction and non-construction, such as workforce training, design and engineering, technical assistance, economic recovery strategies, and capitalization or re-capitalization of revolving loan funds (RLFs). The funding agency utilizes EAA investments to provide resources that help communities experiencing or anticipating economic dislocations to plan and implement specific solutions to leverage their existing regional economic advantages to support economic development and job creation. Like Public Works investments, EAA investments are designed to help communities catalyze public-private partnerships to foster collaboration, attract investment, create jobs, and foster economic resiliency and prosperity.

The EAA program is also designed to provide specific investment assistance to communities harmed by the closure of nuclear, biomass, or coal facilities. EAA assistance to Nuclear Closure Communities (NCCs) and Biomass Closure Communities (BCC) supports communities that have been impacted, or can reasonably demonstrate they will be impacted, by closures of nuclear or biomass power plants. Similarly, EAA Assistance to Coal Communities (ACC) supports communities that have been negatively impacted by the closure of coal facilities. Additionally, the EAA program includes an addendum for Assistance to Indigenous Communities, (AIC) to assist Indigenous communities particularly in the areas of capacity building and planning support.

Projects must also be consistent with the region's current comprehensive economic development strategy (CEDS), or if a CEDS does not exist, an equivalent regional economic development strategy that meets the funding agency's CEDS or strategy requirements, except for a strategy grant to develop, update, or refine a CEDS.

Competitive applications will propose projects designed to create the conditions for economic growth in Indigenous Communities. The funding agency encourages non-construction projects that provide capacity-building, planning support, and technical assistance to support the future implementation of foundational economic infrastructure. Foundational economic infrastructure can include broadband, energy, road, water, and wastewater infrastructure (including community water facilities); vocational and higher education facilities; and community health and childcare facilities that are necessary for job creation and economic mobility. Projects can also provide technical assistance to support business development, entrepreneurship assistance, economic development planning, rural prosperity, and workforce training in Indigenous Communities.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are district organizations of an EDA-designated Economic Development District; Indian Tribes or a consortium of Indian Tribes; state, county, city, or other political subdivision of a state, including a special purpose unit of a state or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; institutions of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; public or private non-profit organizations or associations acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a state.

Projects must be located in regions that meet the funding agency's distress criteria. Applicants must self-define the appropriate region geographically. The geographic area comprising the region need not be contiguous or defined by political boundaries; however, it should constitute a cohesive area capable of undertaking self-sustained economic development. Applicants must provide third-party data that clearly indicates that the relevant region is subject to at least one of the following economic distress criteria:

- An unemployment rate that is, for the most recent 24-month period for which data is available, at least one percentage point greater than the national average unemployment rate
- A per capita income that is, for the most recent period for which data is available, 80 percent or less of the national average per capita income
- A special need, as defined by the funding agency

For construction projects, including design and engineering, the project must be located within an eligible region. For non-construction projects, the scope of work must primarily benefit an eligible region, and stakeholders from that eligible region must be directly engaged. Projects may meet the regional eligibility criteria in one of the following ways:

- Located in a region that meets the funding agency's economic distress criteria
- Located in an economic development district (EDD) that is located in a region that does not meet the funding agency's economic distress criteria, but the funding agency determines it will be of

substantial direct benefit to a geographic area within the EDD that meets the funding agency's economic distress criteria
- Located in a geographic area of poverty or high unemployment that meets the funding agency's economic distress criteria but that is located in a region that overall does not meet the funding agency's economic distress criteria

Funding

In FY 2025, an unspecified amount of funding is expected to be available to support grants and cooperative agreements through this program, as follows:

- Public Works Program: Awards are expected to range from $600,000 to $5 million. In the past, the average award size has been approximately $1.4 million. No more than 15 percent of investments made through this program may be spent in a single state.
- Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) Program: Awards are expected to range from $150,000 to $2.5 million. In the past, the average award size has been approximately $650,000.
- Assistance to Coal Communities (ACC): Awards are expected to range from $500,000 to $3 million for implementation projects and from $100,000 to $350,000 for planning activities.
- Assistance to Nuclear Closure Communities (NCC): Awards are expected to range from $500,000 to $3 million for implementation projects and from $100,000 to $350,000 for planning activities.
- Assistance to Biomass Closure Communities (BCC): Awards are expected to range from $500,000 to $3 million for implementation projects and from $100,000 to $350,000 for planning activities.

Additionally, approximately $5 million is available for non-construction Assistance to Indigenous Communities awards ranging from $75,000 and $200,000 through the EAA Program.

Project periods will depend on the nature of the project for which the grant or cooperative agreement is awarded. Typically, strategy grants and non-construction projects range in duration from 12 to 24 months. Construction projects are expected to range from 12 to 48 months and are expected to be completed within five years from the award date.

Matching and Cost Sharing

In general, applicants must provide at least 40 percent of the total project costs via cash and/or in-kind contributions; however, the funding agency may fund up to 80 percent of the total project costs based on the relative needs of the region. Matching requirements will vary according to the economic distress of the region in which the project is located, as follows:

- Regions in which the 24-month unemployment rate is at least 225 percent of the national average: applicants must provide at least 20 percent of the total project costs
- Regions in which the per capita income is not more than 50 percent of the national average: applicants must provide at least 20 percent of the total project costs
- Regions in which the 24-month unemployment rate is at least 200 percent of the national average: applicants must provide at least 30 percent of the total project costs
- Regions in which the per capita income is not more than 60 percent of the national average: applicants must provide at least 30 percent of the total project costs
- Regions in which the 24-month unemployment rate is at least one percentage point greater than the national average: applicants must provide at least 40 percent of the total project costs

- Regions in which the per capita income is not more than 80 percent of the national average: applicants must provide at least 40 percent of the total project costs

In addition, the matching requirements may be waived for Indian tribes, states or political subdivisions of states, and nonprofits that can document that they have exhausted their effective taxing and borrowing capacity.

Contact Information

Program contacts vary by regional office. EDA regional representatives can be found at https://www.eda.gov/contact/.

https://www.eda.gov/funding/funding-opportunities/fiscal-year-2023-public-works-and-economic-adjustment-assistance

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Department of Commerce
Agency: National Institute of Standards and Technology

FY 2025 Regional Alliances and Multistakeholder Partnerships to Stimulate (RAMPS) Cybersecurity Education and Workforce Development

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to build multistakeholder workforce partnerships of employers, schools and institutions of higher education, and other community organizations. Effective multistakeholder workforce partnerships will organize multiple employers with skill shortages in specific occupations to focus on developing the skilled workforce to meet industry needs within the local or regional economy. Eligible applicants include accredited institutions of higher education; non-profit organizations; for-profit organizations incorporated in the United States; state, local, territorial, and Indian tribal governments.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2016	$1 million	5

Key Information

Total Funding: Unspecified
Award Range: Up to $200,000
Match: 50 percent
Solicitation date: May 1, 2025
Proposal due: July 1, 2025

https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/358792

Tips

- Applicants must collect commitment letters from project partners from organizations such as institutions of higher education and employers or owners of critical infrastructure.
- Successful projects will create the local conditions to create an ecosystem equipped to fill a critical skill gap for the economy.

Department: U.S. Department of Commerce
Agency: National Institute of Standards and Technology

FY 2025 Regional Alliances and Multistakeholder Partnerships to Stimulate (RAMPS) Cybersecurity Education and Workforce Development

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to build multistakeholder workforce partnerships of employers, schools and institutions of higher education, and other community organizations. Effective multistakeholder workforce partnerships will organize multiple employers with skill shortages in specific occupations to focus on developing the skilled workforce to meet industry needs within the local or regional economy.

Each application must include a plan to establish a multistakeholder education and workforce partnership that includes, at a minimum, one institution of higher education or nonprofit training organization (that is not the applicant), and one local employer or owner or operator of critical infrastructure (that is not the applicant).

Participation from one or more of the following types of organizations is also encouraged: academic institutions in the Federal CyberCorps Scholarship for Service Program, the National Centers of Academic Excellence in Cybersecurity Program, or Advanced Technological Education programs; elementary and secondary schools; training and certification providers; economic development organizations; and other community organizations.

The applicant's proposed project must:

- Ensure that the partnership is employer-led, community-focused, learner-centered, standards-based, and outcomes-driven.
- Describe planned initiatives that align with the goals and objectives of the NICE Strategic Plan or help support the strategies of the NICE Implementation Plan.
- Advance uses of the NICE Framework, including through demonstration of how the stakeholders intend to use the NICE Framework.
- Identify the workforce needs of the local economy and assess such workforce in accordance with the NICE Framework, including ideas for how the multistakeholder organization would leverage the CyberSeek job heat map and career pathways (see https://cyberseek.org)
    - CyberSeek is a free online tool that provides data on the supply and demand of cybersecurity talent.
    - CyberSeek's interactive map shows a snapshot of open jobs across the United States. Additionally, the career pathway provides insight into the progression of a cybersecurity career.
- Identify opportunities available and recruit employers to support paid internships, externships, apprenticeships, or cooperative education programs in conjunction with education and training

providers in the local community. Inclusion of programs that seek to include veterans, Indian Tribes, and underrepresented groups, including women, minorities, persons from rural and underserved areas, and persons with disabilities, is encouraged. Identify how it would collaborate with one or more Federal CyberCorps Scholarship for Service (SFS) (https://sfs.opm.gov/), National Centers of Academic Excellence in Cybersecurity (CAE) (http://www.caecommunity.org), or Advanced Technological Education (ATE) program (http://www.nsf.gov/ate) institutions located in the region.
    - The SFS Program, coordinated by the National Science Foundation, includes over 100 institutions of higher education aimed at improving the national capacity for the education of cybersecurity professionals.
    - Additionally, the CAE program, coordinated by the National Security Agency and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, and the ATE program, coordinated by the National Science Foundation, each have designated regional centers for advancing cybersecurity education.
    - It is critical that RAMPS coordinate with the applicable regional centers and institutions to decrease duplication of efforts and to build on existing successful approaches.
- Define metrics that will be used to measure the success of their efforts. Metrics should include but not be limited to the number of SFS, CAE, and ATE programs that participate in the program, outcomes of workforce demand and supply assessment, outcomes of recruitment activities, timeliness of milestones reached, etc.

A successful project will create the local conditions (e.g., infrastructure for education providers, employers, and others to develop the cybersecurity education capabilities) to create an ecosystem equipped to fill a critical skill gap for the economy.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants include accredited institutions of higher education; non-profit organizations; for-profit organizations incorporated in the United States; state, local, territorial, and Indian tribal governments.

Applicants must also demonstrate, through commitment letters from project partners, that at least one of each of the following types of organizations is committed to being part of the proposed multistakeholder workforce partnership:

- At least one institution of higher education or nonprofit training organization.
- At least one local employer or owner or operator of critical infrastructure.

The minimum two required commitment letters must come from entities that are not the applicant.

Participation from academic institutions in the Federal CyberCorps Scholarship for Service Program, the National Centers of Academic Excellence in Cybersecurity Program, or Advanced Technological Education Program, as well as elementary and secondary schools, training and certification providers, State and local governments, economic development organizations, or other community organizations is encouraged.

Funding

In FY 2025, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support up to an anticipated 16 awards of up to $200,000 each through this program. The funding instrument that will be used is a cooperative agreement. Where cooperative agreements are used, the nature of the funding agency's "substantial involvement" will generally include collaboration with the recipient organization in developing and implementing the approved scope of work.

The authorized period of performance for awards issued is no more than two years.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Non-federal cost share is required. Specifically, non-federal cost share contributions, including in-kind contributions, in an amount not less than 50 percent of the Federal funds provided, are required for awards. The applicant's share of expenses may include cash, services, and third-party in-kind contributions. The source and detailed rationale of the cost share, including cash, full- and part-time personnel, and in-kind donations, must be documented in the Budget Narrative and Justification submitted with the application and will be considered as part of the review under the evaluation criterion.

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Department of Commerce
Agency: Economic Development Administration

FY 2025 Regional Technology and Innovation Hub Program (Tech Hubs)

Grant Overview

The Tech Hubs Program seeks to strengthen U.S. economic competitiveness and national security through place-based investments in regions with the assets, resources, capacity, and potential to become globally competitive in the technologies and industries of the future within approximately 10 years, and for those industries, companies, and the jobs they create to start, grow, and remain in the United States. Eligible applicants are the 19 consortia which were designated in October 2023 as Tech Hubs.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2023	$504 million	12

Key Information

Total Funding: $220 million
Award Range: Varies by component project type
Match: 10%
Solicitation date: September 19, 2025
Proposal due: November 7, 2025 (Stage I); February 18, 2026 (Stage II)

- This is a two-stage competition. After Stage I, Tech Hubs and their proposed component project portfolios will undergo a technical and merit review. EDA will notify applicants of the component projects it determines will advance to Stage II.

https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/360618

Tips

- Applicants may submit similar component projects as were submitted under the previous Tech Hubs competition, modified to reflect the new requirements of this program, or applicants may submit entirely new projects.
- EDA has no formal requirements regarding Tech Hubs' consortium structure. Consortia may choose to create a new legal entity to serve as Lead Consortium Member, use MOUs, or employ an informal structure.

Department: U.S. Department of Commerce

Agency: Economic Development Administration

FY 2025 Regional Technology and Innovation Hub Program (Tech Hubs)

Detailed Summary

In line with President Trump's commitment to usher in a Golden Age of American Innovation, the Tech Hubs Program will accelerate lasting economic growth in key technology sectors—positioning the United States to outcompete foreign adversaries, secure domestic supply chains, and lead the world in critical and emerging technologies for generations to come.

The program is intended to advance American capacities to commercialize, deploy, manufacture, and deliver future-focused technologies at scale. Further, this competition is designed to deviate from the status quo of federal grant competitions by requiring applicants to demonstrate that any funded project is a bargain for the American taxpayer. Tech Hubs must galvanize private sector participation and leadership with the goal of increasing their investment. This program also places considerable emphasis on private sector buy-in and investment as a critical indicator of Tech Hub and component project viability.

All projects funded under the Tech Hubs Program should increase the speed and effectiveness with which industry and other partner organizations transition technologies upward from Technology Readiness Levels (TRLs) six through nine. The focus of these implementation projects should be on five key areas: workforce development, business and entrepreneurship development, technology maturation, infrastructure (construction), and governance

Tech Hubs should retain the core technology area selected as part of designation. These include:

- Artificial intelligence, machine learning, autonomy, and related advances;
- High performance computing, semiconductors, and advanced computer hardware and software;
- Quantum information science and technology;
- Robotics, automation, and advanced manufacturing;
- Natural and anthropogenic disaster prevention or mitigation;
- Advanced communications technology and immersive technology;
- Biotechnology, medical technology, genomics, and synthetic biology;
- Data storage, data management, distributed ledger technologies, and cybersecurity, including biometrics;
- Advanced energy and industrial efficiency technologies, such as batteries and advanced nuclear technologies, including but not limited to for the purposes of electric generation; and
- Advanced materials science, including composites 2D materials, other next-generation materials, and related manufacturing technologies.

Applicants may refine or elaborate on their approach to their selected core technology area via their application materials. If an applicant is interested in updating their designated Tech Hub core technology area, the applicant must proactively contact EDA for further consultation and approval.

Through this program, EDA can provide funding to support a wide range of non-construction and construction activities, organized into workforce development, business and entrepreneur development, technology development and maturation, and infrastructure-related activities, as well as governance activities:

- Workforce Development: Eligible activities include:
    - Employer engagement, including through the establishment or expansion of sector partnerships, to align labor supply and demand, identify credentials that are valued in the labor market, address regional sectoral workforce shortages, integrate system-wide challenges, secure interview and hiring commitments, and place trainees into well-paid jobs.
    - Development and refinement of competency models to ensure that training programs are responsive to employer and industry needs.
    - Registered Apprenticeships, other earn-and-learn programs, career and technical education programs, and other programs through which participants receive stackable, industry-recognized credentials to align education and training programs to career pathways.
    - The design, implementation, or expansion of industry-driven programs that train and place both new and incumbent workers into great, high-paying jobs and increase worker mobility
    - Training for teachers or instructors tied to demonstrated employer and regional needs
    - The design and development of a workforce training data collection process to rigorously track participant outcomes to guarantee programs demonstrate success in connecting Americans with high-wage jobs.
    - Innovative outreach, recruitment, and retention strategies
    - Development of flexible hiring practices, such as skills-based hiring, and educational practices, such as issuance of credit for prior learning, that leverage the talents of existing workers and reduce barriers for applicants from all communities, including those without four-year degrees.
    - Deployment of efforts that prioritize AI literacy and other skills necessary to prepare Americans and regions for the impact AI will have on local economies and labor markets.
- Business and Entrepreneur Development: Eligible activities include:
    - Training for entrepreneurs to start or scale their businesses
    - Design and deployment of an access-to-capital program for new or growing businesses
    - Development of mentorship networks for entrepreneurs25
    - Development of supplier-buyer relationships to assist businesses in tapping into new supply chain opportunities
    - Activities that enable companies of all ages, sizes, and levels of maturity to evolve and grow
- Technology Development and Maturation: Eligible activities include:
    - Activities that facilitate technology and knowledge transfer, provision facilities to test and mature technologies, and deploy technologies in the field
    - Efforts to deepen customer-supplier relationships and integrate stakeholder input—across workers, suppliers, and customers—into technology design and deployment
    - Activities that enhance processes for scaled manufacturing within the Tech Hub region
- Infrastructure (construction): Eligible activities include:
    - Construction of facilities and/or site connectivity infrastructure necessary for projects in the three categories described above
    - Elements that produce high-quality infrastructure, avert disruptive and costly delays, and promote efficiency
- Governance: Eligible activities include:

  - Personnel support for management, coordination, and promotion of the Tech Hub
  - Contracts for technical assistance to Tech Hub consortium members (*e.g.*, business attraction, data analysis)
  - Hub-wide performance and evaluation activities, including platform development
  - Contracts for web services, cybersecurity services, and other risk management activities
  - Travel for Tech Hub-related activities, including to EDA-sponsored Tech Hubs convenings or industry-specific convenings
  - Leases for convening space, proportionate to the amount of lease time the project will use

Applicant Eligibility

Only 19 applicants are eligible to apply for this program. These are Tech Hub consortia that were designated in October 2023 as Tech Hubs, have received Consortium Accelerator Awards (CAAs), and have not received any other EDA Tech Hubs Implementation funds.

Tech Hubs are defined as contiguous regions with a concentration of assets, capital, research and development (R&D), a labor market, and infrastructure strongly relevant to the Tech Hub's selected core technology area, the Tech Hub's identified market opportunity, and the Tech Hub's potential to become globally competitive in that area within a decade, led by coordinated consortia of public, private, and academic partners. As defined in the statute, each consortium must include at least one of each of the following entity types:

- Institutions of higher education, which may include Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Tribal Colleges or Universities, and Minority-Serving Institutions
- State, territorial, local, or Tribal governments or other political subdivisions of a State, or a consortium thereof
- Industry groups or firms in relevant technology, innovation, or manufacturing sectors
- Economic development organizations or similar entities focused primarily on improving science, technology, innovation, entrepreneurship, or access to capital
- Labor organizations or workforce training organizations. See section A.1.b.iii. for additional requirements related to the consortia.

Consortium membership may have changed since the Tech Hubs' initial designation and/or the last application for implementation funding; however, all consortia must continue to include the five required member types.

While Tech Hubs may include members and partnerships outside their geography, a substantial majority of the benefits (*e.g.*, job creation and retention, worker placements, capital formation and deployment, firm creation and growth) expected to result from EDA funding should accrue within each Tech Hub's region.

If an applicant is interested in updating their designated Tech Hub geography, the applicant must proactively contact EDA for further consultation and approval. Altering the existing geography for the sake of expanding it would not necessarily make the application more competitive.

Funding

In FY 2025, $220 million is available to support awards through this program. EDA anticipates selecting anywhere from zero to approximately five component projects per Tech Hub. Total federal funding amounts per Tech Hub and per component project, however, will vary depending on the nature of the projects, the location of the Tech Hub, and the selected core technology area. EDA's expectations of federal share caps for five different types of eligible component projects are included below:

- Workforce Development: up to $15 million
- Business and Entrepreneur Development: up to $15 million
- Technology Development and Maturation: up to $20 million
- Infrastructure (Construction): up to $20 million
- Governance: up to $1 million

EDA expects that most projects will range from 24 to 60 months. EDA expects to announce Stage II awardees in the Spring of 2026, with the period of performance starting soon after. EDA recommends that applicants choose a start date no earlier than May 1, 2026.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Applicants must provide a 10% match. If an applicant is proposing a governance component project, EDA prefers that a large portion of match funding is allocated towards that component project.

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https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/360618

Preliminary Application Requirements

Application Item	Synopsis	Page Length
SF424	Required for all federal grants	N/A
Overarching Hub Narrative	should demonstrate how EDA funding for component projects, alongside matching funds and other commitments, will advance the commercialization and scaled deployment of a technology of significance to economic and national security, so that the Tech Hub will become globally competitive in 10 years.	12
Match Letters (as needed)	Applicants must corroborate the required 10% match in their overall budget through signed match letters. If an applicant is proposing a governance component project, EDA prefers that a large portion of match funding be allocated to that component project.	N/A

Commitment Letters	Commitments should demonstrate concrete and specific actions that directly support the Tech Hub's strategic goals. Commitments should include investment (cash and in-kind) commitments, policy commitments, and talent and hiring commitments. EDA requires that each Tech Hub provide up to five letters detailing *new* commitments made to the Tech Hub since the last Tech Hubs funding competition. While each Tech Hub applicant can and likely should collect more than five commitments, EDA is requiring each Tech Hub to only include up to five new commitments, backed by commitment letters.	N/A
Component Project Narratives	The Lead Consortium Member should submit the Component Project Narratives for the Stage I Preliminary Application Package, but the Lead Consortium Member does not need to be the entity 'leading' any component project.	8
Component Project Budget Narratives	There is **no** overarching Tech Hub-wide budget narrative required. Instead, applicants must submit a budget narrative file for each component project, which details the costs of key expenses within that proposed project. Applicants are allowed to submit this budget information in any format, but EDA provides templates for both construction and non-construction projects.	N/A

FY 2025 Merit Criteria

Hub-Wide Criteria		
Merit Criteria	**Synopsis**	**Related Application Part**
Challenge, Technology, and Impact (20 points)	This merit criterion will evaluate how well the Tech Hub articulates how the technology it seeks to commercialize will respond to a vital national security and/or economic competitiveness challenge.	Overarching Hub Narrative sections (3) Technology Overview and Tech-Related Assets, (4) Explanation of the Commercialization Gap, (8) Outputs and Outcomes, and (9) Taxpayer Bargain.
Tech Hub Strength (10 points)	This merit criterion will evaluate the strength of the Tech Hub's consortium by assessing performance to date and plans to improve membership, leadership, governance, and commitments into the future.	Overarching Hub Narrative sections (2) Consortium Geography and Composition, (5) Current Status of the Tech Hub, (7) Governance Structure and Long-Term Viability Plan, (10) Overview of Match Funding, and (11) Overview of Commitments.
Project Portfolio Strength (10 points)	This merit criterion will evaluate the extent to which the Tech Hub's proposed projects and other aligned activities will lead to the advancement of the Tech Hub's commercialization goals in its 10-year horizon.	Overarching Narrative sections (6) Description of Component Projects and (8) Outputs and Outcomes.

	The criterion will further measure the interconnectedness of the Tech Hub's proposed projects (including their outputs and outcomes), and the alignment of proposed projects with other Tech Hub aligned activities.	
Taxpayer Bargain (10 points)	This merit criterion will evaluate how well the Tech Hub benefits the United States and its taxpayers. specifically, the criterion will assess contribution to the County and contribution to the U.S. taxpayer,.	Overarching Hub Narrative sections (8) Outputs and Outcomes and (9) Taxpayer Bargain and Commitment Letters.
Component Project-Specific Criteria		
Merit Criteria	**Synopsis**	**Related Application Part**
Feasibility of Solution (20 points)	The merit criteria will evaluate the project's likelihood of success.	Focused on Component Project Narrative sections (3) Project-Specific Solution, (5) Project-Specific Long-Term Viability or Sunsetting Plan, as well as the Component Project Budget Narrative
Impact on the Tech Hub's Plan (15 points)	This merit criteria will evaluate the extent to which the proposed project aligns with the Tech Hub's goals to commercialize a technology so that the Tech Hub is globally competitive in 10 years.	Component Project Narrative sections (2) Project-Specific Challenge and (4) Project-Specific Outputs and Outcomes.
Taxpayer Bargain (15 points)	This merit criteria will assess the extent to which EDA's investment is needed to support this component project.	Focused on Component Project Narrative section (6) Project-Specific Taxpayer Bargain and Commitments

Notable Changes from FY 2023

Changes from the FY 2023 program include but are not limited to:

- EDA has shifted implementation funding from a one-stage to two-stage competition
- EDA has changed the merit criteria from 80 points to 50 points
- All seven merit criteria have changed in name and/or intent but are now split between hub-wide criteria and component project-specific criteria
- The Equity and Diversity merit criteria has been eliminated
- Requirements (and subheadings) within the overarching narrative and component projects are more explicit within the FY 2025 program
- EDA is placing emphasis on the Taxpayer Bargain criteria (25 points total)
- All climate considerations have been eliminated
- Risk mitigation plans are no longer required. EDA will utilize previously submitted plans.
- The Overarching Narrative page length has increased from 10 pages to 12 pages
- Component Project length has changed from 6 pages to 8 pages
- Workforce development projects must be aligned to America's Talent Strategy: Building the Workforce for the Golden Age which focuses on 1) Industry Driven Strategies, 2) Worker Mobility, 3) Integrated Systems, 4) Accountability, and 5) Flexibility and Innovation

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Department of Energy
Agency: Office of Manufacturing and Energy Supply Chains (MESC)

FY 2023 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: State Manufacturing Leadership Program

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to accelerate the deployment of smart manufacturing technologies by small- and medium-sized manufacturing firms (SMMs). Eligible applicants include domestic institutions of higher education, nonprofits, for-profit entities, Tribal Nations, and state and local governments.

Program History

This program is newly created by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, also known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Key Information

Total Funding: $46 million
Award Range: Between $1 million and $2 million
Match: 30%
Solicitation date: March 31, 2023
Due Date: May 30, 2023

https://infrastructure-exchange.energy.gov/Default.aspx#FoaIdc0547e0e-fb42-47bb-8909-3dfe90a41529

Tips

- DOE strongly encourages leveraging existing national, state, regional, and local resources in the public and private sector through partnerships that will assist SMMs in the deployment of smart manufacturing technologies. In order to facilitate the formation of new partnerships, a team partner list is available here under the document called "Published Teaming Partner List."

Department: U.S. Department of Energy
Agency: Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations

FY 2023 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: State Manufacturing Leadership Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to accelerate the deployment of smart manufacturing technologies by small- and medium-sized manufacturing firms (SMMs). Funding will support projects that involve state programs to provide assistance to SMMs to implement smart manufacturing technologies and practices, as well as facilitate access to high-performance computing (HPC) resources for SMMs. Program goals include:

- Increasing competitiveness of the American manufacturing base
- Reducing industrial emissions for a net-zero economy
- Equitably developing the American industrial workforce
- Advancing a robust and integrated support ecosystem for SMMs

For the purposes of this program, smart manufacturing is defined as the use of emerging and advanced technologies to increase the efficiency of the traditional manufacturing process, which spans information, automation, monitoring, computation, sensing, modeling, artificial intelligence (AI), analytics, and networking technologies. For the purposes of this program, HPC is defined as the use of supercomputers, sophisticated models, and/or large data sets to study and solve complex scientific and technological challenges, including developing advanced materials and manufacturing processes.

All projects must either create new, or build on existing, technical assistance programming for SMMs specific to smart manufacturing. Eligible uses of funds include:

- Promoting the benefits of smart manufacturing technologies among SMMs based on national and regional economic development and supply chain priorities

- Connecting SMMs with a diverse coalition of public and private technical assistance providers, such as the Manufacturing USA institutes, the National Laboratories, Industrial Assessment Centers (IACs), National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Manufacturing Extension Partnerships (MEPs), and institutions of higher education (IHEs)

- Partnering with labor unions and other stakeholders to expand and diversify the smart manufacturing talent pool; develop, promote, and scale adoption of smart manufacturing training; and promote innovation on SMM shop floors

- Identifying and providing financial assistance to facilitate SMMs' access to, and implementation of, smart manufacturing and HPC resources and technologies

- Ensuring that the benefits of smart manufacturing adoption by SMMs flow to disadvantaged communities and dislocated workers

- Setting state-level performance metrics, targets, and goals for program participation and desired outcomes
- Establishing programs that will be self-sustaining in the long run following a federal award

All projects must also include the development of a community benefits plan that sets forth the applicant's actionable framework to ensure support for sustainable community economic development and prosperity.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants include domestic institutions of higher education, nonprofits, for-profit entities, Tribal Nations, and state and local governments.

All applicants must qualify as a domestic entity that is organized, chartered, incorporated, or otherwise formed under the laws of a particular state or U.S. territory; have majority domestic ownership and control; and have a physical place of business in the United States.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to leverage existing national, state, regional, and local resources in the public and private sector through partnerships that will assist small- and medium-sized manufacturing firms (SMMs) in the deployment of smart manufacturing technologies.

Funding

In FY 2023, approximately $46 million is expected to be available to support 20-25 awards ranging from $1 million to $2 million through this program. Funds will be provided on a reimbursement basis.

Award notifications are expected on August 1, 2023, and award negotiations are expected to take place between September and December of 2023.

The project period is anticipated to last from 24 to 36 months and will be comprised of one or more budget periods.

Applicants must provide at least 30% of the total award amount via nonfederal cash and/or in-kind contributions.

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Agency: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

FY 2023 Transforming Lives Through Supported Employment Program

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to support state and community efforts to refine, implement, and sustain evidence-based supported employment programs and mutually compatible and supportive evidence-based practices for adults with serious mental illness (SMI) or co-occurring mental and substance use disorders (COD). Eligible applicants are states and territories Including D.C., political subdivisions, Indian Tribes or Tribal organizations, Health facilities or programs operated by or in accordance with a contract or award with the Indian Health Service, other public or private nonprofits.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2014	$5.6 million	7

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: $4.8 million
Award Range: Up to $800,000
Match: Not required
Solicitation date: February 28, 2023
Application Due: May 1, 2023

https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-23-008

Awardee Profile

Alabama Department of Mental Health
Montgomery, AL

Year: 2014
Amount: $800,000

The Alabama Department of Mental Health was awarded $800,000 to provide state-wide services to support workforce development programming to assist adults entering the workforce.

Department: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Agency: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

FY 2023 Transforming Lives Through Supported Employment Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support state and community efforts to refine, implement, and sustain evidence-based supported employment programs and mutually compatible and supportive evidence-based practices for adults with serious mental illness (SMI) or co-occurring mental and substance use disorders (COD). Awards will provide resources to help individuals with SMI or COD achieve competitive employment and build paths to self-sufficiency and recovery. With this program, the funding agency aims to increase state and community capacity to implement and sustain Supported Employment Program (SEP) models and integrated supports to improve competitive employment outcomes.

Award recipients will be required to implement the following activities:

- Identify and implement an evidence-based Supported Employment model that is responsive to the selected population(s) of focus and adheres to practice fidelity or standards
- Conduct supported employment fidelity assessments no later than 90 days after service delivery begins and annually thereafter
- Provide specialized and individualized support to individuals with SMI and COD to choose, acquire, and maintain competitive employment
- Provide comprehensive treatment and recovery support services, case management, physical health care, social services supports for SMI and/or COD in conjunction with vocational services
- Develop and implement an employer engagement strategy that increases the program's capacity to respond to the unique vocational interests of each person served; develop and nurture relationships with appropriate employers in the community; respond to changes in the local labor market; and work with employers to develop tenure and long-term opportunities for persons hired
- Provide program outreach and accessibility to services for under-resourced populations to ensure that individuals and families can access supported employment services when and where they need them, and in a way that is responsive to their needs and preferences
- Provide training on behavioral health implementation for the national Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) standards to all program staff
- Develop and implement a strategy to respond to the unique needs of individuals who are unsuccessful in finding employment
- Develop and implement a strategy for long-term employment stability

- Develop a sustainability plan that identifies mechanisms for sustaining activities funded by this program and delineates steps necessary for exercising those mechanisms
- Assess for housing status and collaborate with homeless and housing service providers to link to the local U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Coordinated Entry housing system
- Translate tools and resources available to recipients of services
- Provide, increase, or enhance access to services for people of all racial/ethnic/marginalized groups in the community
- Create conflict and grievance resolutions processes that are culturally and linguistically appropriate

Funds may also be used for the following activities:

- Implement supported education services for individuals who are enrolled in an educational/academic program at admission to the SEP program and/or who have an educational goal
- Employ a certified peer support specialist to assist individuals who struggle in transition to work or may have interpersonal concerns in a new job
- Provide supported employment services within the structure of another program
- Participate with supported employment organizations to obtain technical assistance to implement and sustain evidence-based supported employment and adhere to fidelity

Award recipients are encouraged to address the behavioral health needs of:

- Active-duty military services members, returning veterans, and military families in designing and developing their programs, and to consider prioritizing this population, for services where appropriate
- The LGBTQI+ population in designing and developing their programs, and to consider prioritizing this population, for services where appropriate

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are states and territories including Washington D.C., political subdivisions, Indian Tribes or Tribal organizations, Health facilities or programs operated by or in accordance with a contract or award with the Indian Health Service, other public or private nonprofits.

Funding

In FY 2022, an estimated $4,870,995 is available to support an approximately 6 awards of up to $800,000. Pending sufficient volume of applications, at least one award will be made to a tribe or tribal organization.

Anticipated award date is August 31, 2023.

Matching funds are not required.

The project period for awards will begin September 30, 2023 and will last up to five years.

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Agency: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

FY 2023 Treatment for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness, Serious Emotional Disturbance, or Co-Occurring Disorders Experiencing Homelessness

Grant Overview

This program provides comprehensive, coordinated, and evidenced-based services for individuals, youth, and families with a serious mental illness serious emotional disturbance, or co-occurring disorder who are experiencing homelessness, including encampments, or at imminent risk of homelessness, such as people exiting jail or prison without a place to live. Eligible applicants are states and territories, including the District of Columbia; political subdivisions of states; Indian tribes; tribal organizations; health facilities; and programs operated by, or in accordance with, a contract or award with the Indian Health Service or other public or private nonprofit entities.

Program History

A program history is unavailable.

Key Information

Total Funding: $15,842,993
Award Range: Varies
Match: Not required
Solicitation Date: March 6, 2023
Proposal Due: May 5, 2023

https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-23-006

Tips

- Applicants are encouraged to include organizations that provide services to underserved and diverse populations
- Projects are encouraged to address the behavioral health needs of active-duty military service members, returning veterans, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning, intersex, and other (LGBTQI+) population

Department: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Agency: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

FY 2022 Treatment for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness, Serious Emotional Disturbance, or Co-Occurring Disorders Experiencing Homelessness

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to provide comprehensive, coordinated, and evidenced-based services for individuals, youth, and families with a serious mental illness (SMI), serious emotional disturbance (SED), or co-occurring disorder (COD) who are experiencing homelessness, including encampments, or at imminent risk of homelessness, such as people exiting jail or prison without a place to live. This program is intended to further expand opportunities to improve access to, and delivery of, coordinated and comprehensive mental health services and improve housing stability. Funding will support projects that will:

- Engage and connect the population of focus to behavioral health treatment, case management, and recovery support services
- Assist with identifying sustainable permanent housing by collaborating with homeless services organizations and housing providers, including public housing agencies
- Provide case management that includes care coordination/service delivery planning and other strategies that support stability across services and housing transitions.

Eligible types of activities include:

- Integrated behavioral health treatment and other recovery-support services
- Efforts to engage and connect clients to enrollment resources for health insurance, Medicaid, and mainstream benefits
- Coordination of housing and services that support sustainable permanent housing

In particular, all projects must include the following activities:

- Identify and implement outreach and other types of engagement strategies to identify eligible individuals, youth, and families who could benefit from enrollment in this program
- Develop and implement a service delivery plan that addresses the following:
    - Screening for mental health, substance use, or co-occurring disorders
    - Enrollment in this program and referral to mental health and substance use disorder treatment
    - Delivery of trauma-informed, culturally competent, client-centered, evidence-based, and integrated mental health and substance use services in collaboration and consultation with medical care providers through outpatient, intensive outpatient, short-term residential, or recovery housing programs, with special attention given to underserved populations

  - Case management, care coordination, and supports for enrolled individuals for linkages to housing and other necessary services, including a focus on supporting stability across service and housing transitions and during other critical periods
  - Use of telehealth and/or telemedicine services
  - Peer-related supports and services
  - Referrals for individuals and families not eligible for enrollment and follow-up after referral to ensure connection to services and housing
- Hire staff that represent the population of the community
- Translate tools and resources available to recipients of services
- Provide, increase, or enhance access to services for people of all racial/ethnic/marginalized groups in the community
- Create conflict and grievance resolutions processes that are culturally and linguistically appropriate
- Enroll eligible individuals in health insurance, Medicaid, and other mainstream benefits
- Provide or ensure linkage to, and support engagement with, recovery support services to improve access to and retention in services and to continue treatment gains
- Assist with identifying sustainable permanent housing by collaborating with homeless services organizations and housing providers, including public housing agencies, as well as coordinate with local U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuums of Care (CoCs) to enroll individuals in the local CoC Coordinated Entry System (CES)
- Coordinate with crisis and 988 systems to connect people in crisis who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of imminent homelessness to services and housing
- Utilize or establish a culturally and linguistically diverse steering committee that meets at least quarterly to monitor the goals outlined in the program

Projects are encouraged to address the behavioral health needs of the following populations and to consider prioritizing such populations for services, where appropriate:

- Active-duty military service members, returning veterans, and military families
- Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning, intersex, and other (LGBTQI+) population

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are states and territories, including the District of Columbia; political subdivisions of states; Indian tribes; tribal organizations; health facilities; and programs operated by, or in accordance with, a contract or award with the Indian Health Service or other public or private nonprofit entities.

Applicants must meet the following service provider organization requirements:

- A provider organization for direct client mental health services must be involved in the project, which may be the applicant or another organization committed to the project, and more than one provider organization may be involved
- Each mental health/substance use disorder treatment provider organization must have at least two years of experience as of the application due date providing relevant services
- Each mental health/substance use disorder treatment provider organization must comply with all applicable local and state licensing, accreditation, and certification requirements as of the application due date

Funding

In FY 2023, approximately $15,842,993 is available to support an estimated 21 awards through this program. The maximum award amount will vary according to applicant type, as follows:

- Up to $1 million per year for states and territories
- Up to $500,000 per year for political subdivisions of states; Indian tribes or tribal organizations; health facilities operated by, or in accordance with a contract or grant with, the Indian Health Service (IHS); or public or private nonprofit entities

Matching funds are not required for this program; however, applicants' budget justifications must include a description of existing resources and other support expected to be received for the proposed project. Any proposed cost sharing will not be considered during the application evaluation process.

The project period is anticipated to start on September 30, 2023, and will last up to five years. Awards are anticipated to be made on August 31, 2023.

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Agency: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

FY 2025 Homeland Security National Training Program (HSNTP): Continuing Training Grants

Grant Overview

This program supports building, sustaining, and delivering core capabilities through the development and delivery of training to achieve the funding agency's National Preparedness Goal, which is a secure and resilient nation with the capabilities required across the whole community to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk. Eligible applicants are Local governments, county governments, 501C3 organizations, tribal governments, institutions of higher education, and state agencies.

Program History

	Total Funding
2016	$11.5 million

Key Information

Total Funding: $5.4 million
Award Range: Up to $5.4 million
Match: Not required
Solicitation date: August 01, 2025
Proposal due: August 15, 2025

https://www.fema.gov/grants/continuing-training

Tips

- The highest priority for this focus area is preparations for the 2026 FIFA World Cup in the United States.
- Projects must implement currently developed and certified DHS/FEMA training courses, which include innovative training approaches and concepts, such as immersive virtual reality, synchronous and asynchronous virtual training, and in-person demonstrations and drills

Department: U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Agency: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

FY 2025 Homeland Security National Training Program (HSNTP): Continuing Training Grants

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support building, sustaining, and delivering core capabilities through the development and delivery of training to achieve the funding agency's National Preparedness Goal, which is a secure and resilient nation with the capabilities required across the whole community to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk. This program aims to improve the skills and knowledge of emergency responders and community members in handling incidents such as natural disasters, terrorist attacks, and other emergencies.

For the current fiscal year, the funding agency's focus areas for this program are:

- Focus Area 1 - delivery of rural and tribal preparedness training*:* Projects will deliver mission-critical, mission-essential training to build capabilities and expand capacities of states and tribal nations to prepare for, respond to, and recover from catastrophic disasters and complex incidents. Training may include the following topics:
    - Critical infrastructure in rural communities and tribal nations: training should address ways emergency management officials can advocate for and help advance plans to reduce the vulnerability of critical infrastructure to natural, technological, and human-caused threats and hazards by lessening the likelihood, severity, and duration of the adverse consequences
    - Continuity for rural communities and tribal nations: training should address the needs of government officials and emergency responders in rural communities and tribal nations in the development and validation of plans and procedures to ensure the continuity of essential government functions across a spectrum of emergencies
    - Crisis management for rural and tribal nation school-based incidents: training should address crisis management training for significant school-based incidents, including bomb threats, active shooter, severe weather, structural/mechanical failures, and hazardous materials releases

- Focus Area 2 - delivery of national special security event (NSSE) preparedness training: The highest priority for this focus area is preparations for the 2026 FIFA World Cup in the United States. Training may include the following topics:
    - Special event risk management and planning: training should develop capabilities for multiagency collaboration pertaining to sport and special event safety and security through activity-based training

- Special event incident management: training should focus on the unique aspects of response to an incident occurring during a sports/special event, including considerations for continuity and after-action activities
- Special event crowd management, evacuation, and protective action: training should provide tools and techniques for conducting crowd management, crowd control, evacuation, and sheltering operations
- Special event public information and emergency notification: training should address pre-event communications, emergency messaging, incident communications, and post incident communications

In general, projects must implement currently developed and certified Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/FEMA training courses. Projects should include innovative training approaches and concepts, such as immersive virtual reality, synchronous and asynchronous virtual training, and in-person demonstrations and drills.

Eligible costs include personnel, fringe benefits, travel, equipment, supplies, consultant costs, other direct costs, and indirect costs.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are Local governments, county governments, tribal governments, 501c3 governments, institutions of higher education, and state agencies.

Applicants must have demonstrable experience and expertise in developing and delivering Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)-certified training. For applicants for Focus Area 2, this training must be for the national special security event audience.

For Focus Area 1 projects, additional points during the evaluation process will be awarded to projects that involve a partnership with tribes.

Each applicant may only submit a single application per focus area.

Funding

In FY 2025, a total of $5.4 million is available to support an estimated one to two cooperative agreements of up to $5.4 million through this program. Funding selections are expected to be made no later than September 1, 2025, and awards are expected to be issued by the same date. The project period will last for 36 months and is expected to begin on September 1, 2025, and end on August 31, 2028. Extensions to the project period may be permitted.

Management and administrative (M&A) costs are limited to 5 percent of the total award amount.
This program aims to provide training at $10 in direct costs per student.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Matching funds are not required for this program.

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https://www.fema.gov/grants/continuing-training

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Agency: Office of Public and Indian Housing

FY 2025 Jobs Plus

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to support public housing authorities (PHAs) to develop employment-related services that will increase the economic self-reliance of HUD-assisted residents. This program is designed to be a place-based program that promotes economic self-reliance for working participants who are between 18 and 64 years of age. Eligible applicants are Public Housing Agencies (PHAs).

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2022	$9 million	4
2020	$28 million	12

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: $21.6 million
Award Range: Varies
Match: 25 percent
Solicitation date: August 12, 2025
Proposal due: December 29, 2025

- The funding agency has provided a list of AMPs that meet the size and unemployment criteria for this opportunity. PHAs that are not listed must submit a request for review of eligibility prior to submitting an application.

https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/360278

Awardee Profile

Housing Authority of the City of Oakland, California

AMOUNT: $2,300,000
YEAR: 2022

The Oakland Housing Authority (OHA) received funding to launch the East Oakland Works (EOW) initiative, which will give adult residents of public housing access to proven tools to increase their earnings through employment in a job with a career path. The program combines the three evidence-based components of the Jobs Plus program.

Department: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Agency: Office of Public and Indian Housing

FY 2025 Jobs Plus

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support public housing authorities (PHAs) to develop employment-related services that will increase the economic self-reliance of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)-assisted residents. This program is designed to be a place-based program that promotes economic self-reliance for working participants who are between 18 and 64 years of age. Ideally, this program is intended to saturate target public housing projects (AMPs) with information about employment-related services and encourage sustained employment beyond the end of the project period. Projects may serve singular AMPs that are comprised on one development/site or multiple AMPs in close proximity.

Award recipients will be expected to work with local partners to improve the program participants' access to employment training/skill building, financial literacy training, and direct hire job placements. Projects must include the following core components:

- Employment-related services: projects must provide employment-related services on-site and/or virtually, including:
    - Job searching support
    - Paid on-the-job training
    - Child care services and/or after-school programs
    - Transportation assistance
    - Financial literacy workshops
    - Legal services, such as expungement
    - Services for persons with disabilities, such as reasonable accommodations
    - Domestic violence prevention services
    - Services for persons with a criminal history
    - Life skills for employment readiness
    - Other applicable local business support
- Financial/rent incentives: projects must implement the Jobs Plus financial/rent incentive and make it available for all on-lease adults in the target development/project, which will reduce the financial burden of the rent increasing due to a program participant increasing their earned income
- Community support for work (CSW): applicants must build a caring and cohesive community network that supports advancing economic self-reliance through a strategy that includes multiple intentional and complementary steps to develop resident/peers employment support that fall under the following categories:
    - Energizing existing community assets to build a self-sufficient community through resident coaches that serve as important bridges between PHA staff and residents
    - Informal and non-traditional activities that support residents' progress toward economic self-sufficiency

All projects must include partnerships with local workforce development boards (WDBs) and American Job Centers (AJCs). Additional consideration may be given to projects that include partnerships with historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs) and/or minority-serving institutions (MSIs). Additional consideration may also be given to projects that support the goals of a Promise Zone or are within an Opportunity Zone.

Applicants should develop Individualized Training and Services Plans (ITSP) with established goals and employment strategies for each participant to monitor their progress towards increasing earned income.

Eligible costs include hiring and compensating staff; providing employment-related services for residents; technical assistance; providing computer and internet access/on-site computer labs, and training on computer use and online technologies; data collection/tracking and related software; administrative costs necessary to administer the project.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are public housing authorities (PHAs) that operate one or more public housing projects (AMPs) that meet the following criteria:

- have at least 100 households in which at least one resident in each household is non-elderly and less than 65 years of age
- have at least 40 percent of the households in the development, excluding elderly-only households, report no earned income in the Public and Indian Housing Information Center (PIC)

The funding agency has provided a list of AMPs that meet the size and unemployment criteria for this opportunity. PHAs that are not listed in the AMP file must submit a request for review of eligibility prior to submitting an application.

Non-performing PHAs may be eligible to apply, provided the funding agency has determined that the PHA can implement and oversee the award successfully. For the purposes of this program, a non-performing PHA is defined as a PHA designated by the funding agency as troubled or a substandard performer based on its most recent published Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) score.

PHAs that have applied for rental assistance demonstration (RAD), received a commitment to enter into a housing assistance payments contract (CHAP) that covers the target public housing project, and are planning on demolition and new construction or major rehabilitation or reconstruction are eligible to apply, provided that the applicant has not yet received a RAD conversion commitment (RCC) at the time of the application submission deadline for this program. For RAD multiphase awards, only units at the target public housing project that are not included in an RCC at the time of application submission deadline are eligible for funding through this program.

PHAs that are in the process of considering or applying, but have not been approved, to reposition the target public housing project(s) or development(s)/site(s) within the target project(s) are eligible to apply; however, if a repositioning application is approved, no removal of the target project(s) from Section 9 assistance or relocation of residents from the target project(s), or development(s)/site(s) within the target project(s), shall occur during the project period.

Applicants must establish and maintain a working relationship with the local Workforce Development Board (WDB) and/or local American Job Center (AJC).

Funding

In FY 2025, approximately $21.6 million is available to support an estimated 15 awards through this program. Awards will range from $1.6 million per project period to $3.7 million per project period, as follows:

- Projects involving between 100 and 199 non-elderly households: up to $1.6 million
- Projects involving between 200 and 399 non-elderly households: up to $2.3 million
- Projects involving between 400 and 599 non-elderly households: up to $3 million
- Projects involving 600 or more non-elderly households: up to $3.7 million

Funding of approximately $21.6 million includes $15 million of FY 2025 funding and approximately $6.6 million of remaining FY 2024 funding. Additional funds may become available for award.

The anticipated award date is December 30, 2025. The project period will last for 54 months, which includes a 6-month start-up period and a 48-month implementation period. The project period is estimated to begin on January 1, 2026, and end on July 1, 2030.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Applicants must provide a match of at least 25 percent of the total award amount via cash and/or in-kind contributions. Applicants that provide more than the minimum match will be awarded additional points during the application evaluation process. Eligible types of in-kind contributions include:

- State or local government sources or private contributions
- Rental value of a non-public housing building or space in a non-public housing building donated for program purposes
- Other non-public housing infrastructure for program purposes
- Time and services contributed by volunteers
- Staff salaries and benefits of service providers
- Existing and newly generated non-cash services provided by Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) agencies

Employment-related services that are available at no-cost to low-income and/or U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)-assisted residents should be provided by employment partners as an in-kind match. Match commitments must include at least three of the following workforce supports:

- Workforce development boards (WDBs) and American Job Center(s) (AJCs)
- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) workforce program(s) partner
- Community college/university and/or accredited vocational training institution
- Transportation provider(s)
- Child care provider(s)
- Employment partners, including local businesses or area chambers of commerce committed to hiring/placing program participants

All agencies providing match must provide a detailed match letter. For partnerships with WDBs or AJCs, applicants may submit a memorandum of understanding (MOU) in lieu of a match letter.

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https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/360278

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Agency: Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes

FY 2024 Radon Testing and Mitigation Demonstration for Public Housing

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to provide funds to public housing agencies (PHAs) to conduct testing and, if applicable, mitigation of radon in the units that they manage and to support the development of a plan for future testing and mitigation as needed. Eligible applicants are Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) with the legal authority to develop, own, modernize, and operate a public housing project.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2021-2022	$5 million	9

Key Information

Total Funding: $4 million
Award Range: $150,000-$600,000
Match: not required
Solicitation date: July 7, 2023
Proposal due: July 15, 2024

More information is available here.

Awardee Profile

Rock Hill Housing Authority, SC

AMOUNT: $600,000
YEAR: 2022

Rock Hill Housing Authority, SC was one of nine public housing agencies (PHAs) across the nation selected to be awarded funding to conduct radon testing and, as needed, radon mitigation within their housing units. The Rock Hill Housing Authority will utilize the grant to test and mitigate all 337 ground floor units. The project will impact a total of 472 public housing residents.

Department: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Agency: Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes

FY 2024 Radon Testing and Mitigation Demonstration for Public Housing

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to provide to provide funds to public housing agencies (PHAs) to conduct testing and, if applicable, mitigation of radon in the units that they manage and to support the development of a plan for future testing and mitigation as needed. Program funding is expected to support HUD's Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years (FY) 2022-2026 to accomplish HUD's mission and vision. All proposals should align with the following applicable strategic goals and objectives:

- Advance Sustainable Communities: Advance sustainable communities by strengthening climate resilience and energy efficiency, promoting environmental justice, and recognizing housing's role as essential to health.
- Strengthen Environmental Justice: Reduce exposure to health risks, environmental hazards, and substandard housing, especially for low-income households and communities of color.
- Integrate Health and Housing: Advance policies that recognize housing's role as essential to health.

All applicants are required to submit a narrative on Advancing Racial Equity and Affirmative Marketing as part of the application package.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants are Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) with the legal authority to develop, own, modernize, and operate a public housing project. However, the following entities are NOT eligible for awards made under this announcement:

- Tribes and tribally-designated housing entities (TDHEs)
- Nonprofit organizations
- Resident associations
- Individuals, foreign entities and sole proprietorship organizations
- State governments
- County governments
- City governments
- Indian Housing Authorities
- PHAs that received awards under the FY 2022 or FY 2021 Radon Testing and Mitigation Demonstration for Public Housing grant program.

Funding

In FY 2024, approximately $4 million is available to support an estimated 15 awards through this program. Awards will range from $150,000 to $600,000 per project period. The start date will be determined during the period of negotiations with successful applicants. The performance cannot exceed 36 months from the time of the award.

Matching and Cost Sharing

This Program does not require cost sharing or matching.

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Department of Labor
Agency: Employment and Training Administration

FY 2024 Critical Sector Job Quality Grants

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to expand job quality in the care, climate resiliency, and hospitality sectors. Eligible applicants are labor unions and organizations, labor-management partnerships, and worker centers and organizations; workforce intermediaries; state and local workforce development boards; Native American tribal governments; education/training providers; industry-based intermediaries and industry associations; national of community-based nonprofits; state, county and local governments; and state registered apprenticeship agencies.

Program History

There is no available history for this program.

Key Information

Total Funding: $15 million
Award Range: Varies based on tier
Match: Not required
Solicitation date: April 1, 2024 (second round)
Proposal due: July 1, 2024 (second round)

- The planned second round of solicitations will open based on the availability of funds.

https://simpler.grants.gov/opportunity/dbac568a-f6ef-459e-aec6-01624082a0b9

Tips

- Strong partnerships with industry, labor, and local economic leaders are required.
- Both Tier 1 and 2 applicants must strive to include perspectives from historically marginalized populations in the target service area.

Department: U.S. Department of Labor
Agency: Employment and Training Administration

FY 2024 Critical Sector Job Quality Grants

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to expand job quality in the care, climate resiliency, and hospitality sectors. To improve working conditions in these sectors, this program will develop evidence-based workforce strategies that provide employers a pathway to improve employment in these sectors, with a particular focus on workers in underrepresented populations that have faced social, economic, and other barriers to jobs with higher-quality working conditions.

Projects under this announcement will fund both short-term capacity-building planning grants and longer-term implementation grants. Recognizing the capacity building that may be needed to form new partnerships and undertake new activities, potentially in new industry sectors, the agency will fund projects through two separate tiers of funding as follows:

- Tier 1: Developing New Partnerships and Programs (Planning Grants): This tier will provide smaller grants to support the formation of worker-centered sector partnerships in local or regional economic areas to design workforce strategies to enhance equity and job quality within the care, climate resiliency, and hospitality sectors.
- Tier 2: Launching Effective Worker-Centered Sector Strategy Programs (Implementation Grants): This tier will provide larger grants to invest in established partnerships that have a proven history of implementing sector strategies and are ready to implement specific worker-centered sector strategies that will improve job quality within the care, climate resiliency, and hospitality sectors.

The funding agency is requiring applicants to address “core elements” across these models in their plans to help funded projects accomplish the goals for the Critical Sectors Job Quality Grant program. The four core elements that both tiers of applicants must address are described below: Job Quality Strategy; Strategic Partnerships; Industry-driven Workforce Development; and Worker Voice and Engagement.

Job Quality Strategy: Applicants will need to demonstrate how they are integrating the Good Jobs Principles into their workforce strategies, including training design, employer partnerships, and supportive services. All applicants must select at least two of the Good Jobs Principles they will focus on during the grant period; applicants may address more than two and it is the goal of this grant program that successful applicants will continue to address job quality, furthering all eight principles, through post-grant sustainability planning. Good Jobs Principles are:

- Recruitment and Hiring: Employers that prioritize good jobs are intentional in their recruitment and hiring activities.
- Benefits: Employers that prioritize good jobs provide both full- and part-time workers with family-sustaining benefits.
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA): All workers in a good job are respected, empowered, and treated fairly.

- Empowerment and Representation: Workers can form and join unions and can engage in protected activity without fear of retaliation.
- Job Security and Working Conditions: Workers have a safe, healthy, and accessible workplace, built on input from workers and their representatives.
- Organizational Culture: All workers belong, are valued, contribute meaningfully to the organization, and are respected.
- Pay: All workers are paid a stable and predictable living wage, as determined by the local area cost of living, before overtime, tips, and commissions.
- Skills and Career Advancement: Workers have equitable opportunities and tools to progress to future jobs.

Applicants must provide evidence, or an evidence-informed hypothesis and rationale, that proposed activities will lead to improved access to and attainment of good jobs for historically marginalized populations and communities, including changes in the quality of jobs offered by the employer partners. Any job quality strategy must also provide baseline data on the current state of job quality in the identified sector within the target region, as it relates to the Good Jobs Principles. In addressing the job quality strategy, applicants must describe how they will work with employers and other partners to ensure the jobs for which their programs will train participants will result in jobs that have higher job quality than typical in the industry.

Strategic Partnerships: All applicants must, at minimum, establish partnerships in the target sector with each of the following:

- State or local workforce boards or tribes or tribal nonprofits
- Labor or worker organizations
- Industry representatives.

Tier 1 applicants may use their funds to help establish their partnerships, although required partners must be identified at the time of application. Tier 2 applicants must have already formed partnerships at the time of their grant application, allowing the funding agency to invest in these projects knowing that infrastructure is in place to maximize the effectiveness of federal funds. Ensuring that these partnerships reach and engage with historically marginalized populations and communities may include:

- Identifying Minority Business Enterprises, Minority-Owned Businesses, Woman-Owned Businesses, Veteran-Owned Businesses, Disabled-Owned Businesses, tribal employers, and small businesses to include as employer partners
- Collaborating with Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs), and Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs), which include Predominantly Black Institutions (PBIs), Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs), Native American Non-Tribal Institutions (NANTIs), Alaskan Native or Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions (ANNHI), and Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs) as education and training partners
- Identifying optional partners that work with specific historically marginalized populations, such as women, people of color, Native Americans, justice-impacted individuals, individuals with disabilities, and other populations with employment barriers that hinder movement into career pathways leading to good jobs
- Engaging with Civil Rights Organizations, community-based organizations, and worker organizations to identify, recruit, and serve historically marginalized populations and communities, as well as to collaboratively address training needs and to identify on-the job peer mentors. These organizations

can include labor unions and organizations, labor management partnerships, worker centers and organizations that represent workers in the identified industries or sectors.

Industry-Driven Workforce Development: In forming industry and employer partnerships:

- Tier 1 applicants must: demonstrate the methods by which they will identify collective workforce needs in partnership with industry, and the initial work that will be undertaken by the sector partnership to identify potential education and training strategies that will support good jobs.
- Tier 2 applicants must: provide evidence that the jobs for which their projects will train participants are good jobs as defined by the Good Jobs Principles selected for this project. In doing so:
  - Tier 2 applicants must demonstrate the methods by which their existing partnerships identify the collective workforce needs. They must also describe how industry partners will inform the education and training program design necessary to develop the skills aligned with good jobs and career pathway advancement to meet industry demand.
  - Tier 2 applicants also must identify and deliver the training and education needed for workers to enter good jobs, particularly those workers from historically marginalized populations and communities.
  - Tier 2 applicants must demonstrate that their work draws from evidence-based training approaches that combine academic learning with work-based training activities, such as the use of Registered Apprenticeships, paid internships, and on the-job training.
  - Tier 2 applicants must identify and demonstrate how they will provide needed supportive services for participants to complete the grant program and successfully obtain good jobs.
  - Tier 2 applicants must describe how they will sustain the initial job quality improvements achieved, as well as furthering additional dimensions of job quality to eventually address all eight Good Jobs Principles.

Worker Voice and Engagement: Applicants for both Tiers must demonstrate how they are embedding worker voice into these grant projects including by engaging worker organizations during the initial grant proposal development phase to align the program design with worker needs and affirming protection of workers' rights (including their right to freely and fairly organize unions and collectively bargain).

Both Tier 1 and 2 applicants must identify worker organizations in the targeted sector or occupation and strive to include perspectives from historically marginalized populations in the target service area. Additionally:

- Tier 1 applicants will document how worker perspectives have influenced or will influence the strategic planning process for their new partnership.
- Tier 2 applicants must demonstrate how worker voice and engagement is strategically a central component or aspect of the grant project, from initial program design, identification of key job quality principles that should be targeted, and the use of workers for training design. The applicant also must show how worker engagement provides feedback and evaluation of the grant efforts toward meeting its outcomes.

Applicants must clearly identify one industry sector on which to focus:

- Care: The care sector encompasses occupations that support home care (also known as direct care or elder care), direct support services related to employment, and childcare.
- Climate Resiliency: Climate resiliency as a sector supports the ability to anticipate, prepare for or mitigate, and respond to hazardous events, trends, or disturbances related to climate; it includes

occupations related to engineering (energy and solar), emergency management, atmospheric and hydrological sciences, and sustainable and renewable construction.
- Hospitality: The hospitality sector encompasses a broad category of occupations within the service industry that includes lodging, food and drink service, event planning, travel, and tourism.

Tier 1 applicants may propose projects that include, but are not limited to, the following services or activities:

- Convening Partners:
    - Identifying and convening partners in the care, climate resiliency, or hospitality sectors that are committed to improving job quality. For certain sectors, this can include other public agencies; for instance, in the care sector this can include state Medicaid, aging, disability, and childcare agencies.
    - Building relationships among partners and securing letters of commitment, Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs), or partnership agreements to form a worker-centered sector strategy partnership.
    - Identifying and recruiting worker representation to actively participate in the sector strategy partnership, including the initial grant project development.
- Needs Assessment and Planning:
    - Soliciting feedback from employers to identify their needs (i.e., in-demand skills and credentials, job descriptions and roles, number and type of workers needed).
    - Soliciting feedback from worker organizations to ensure worker voice is at the center of the sector partnership.
    - Otherwise identifying workforce needs in a particular industry. For instance, applicants that target the care sector, and direct care occupations, can consult the resources within the Direct Care Workforce Capacity Building Center hosted by the United States Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Community Living.
    - Conducting community-based listening sessions within the service area to identify needs of both industry and workers.
    - Conducting an initial assessment of the economic region's strengths and needs related to the target sector.
    - Defining key terms (what constitutes a "good job" in the service area) and identifying goals (i.e., secure commitments from 15 employers during the period of performance) for the purposes of the applicant's sector strategy partnership.
    - Identifying potential tools and assets that can be used (i.e., employer incentives, Community Benefits Agreements, etc.) to encourage improved job quality.
    - Planning for sustainability of activities, including implementation of the job quality strategy, after the period of performance ends.
- Designing Career Pathways:
    - Using Labor Market Information (LMI) to identify which occupations are most in-demand in the service area, understanding median wages and wage trajectories for those occupations, and determining which jobs are high-demand but low quality. This data will inform the choice of target occupation(s).
    - Identifying which skills and credentials will be needed to inform subsequent training needs for occupations that meet the Good Jobs Principles.
    - Strategically planning how in-demand occupations within the targeted sector fit together along a career pathway that would allow an individual to enter and advance in the

workforce, receiving continued wage progression and career advancement opportunity as skills and credential attainment increases. This can include, but is not limited to, the preparations for developing a Registered Apprenticeship program.

- Other Capacity Building Activities:
    - Hiring and/or training staff (including the costs of salaries and benefits) to assist in the development of a worker-centered sector strategy.

Tier 2 applicants may propose projects that include, but are not limited to, the following services or activities:

- Convening Partners:
    - Identifying and recruiting worker representatives to actively participate in the sector strategy partnership, including the initial grant project development.
    - Convening the sector partners on a routine basis to maintain and sustain partnership throughout the period of performance.
    - Engaging partners in the implementation of the grant activities from initial grant project development through training and employment of participants.
    - Developing partnership commitments to support long-term impacts for job quality within the identified sector, which may include the development of Community Benefit Agreements, Registered Apprenticeship programs, or providing robust supportive services that allow for training success. In the care sector, this may also include adjusting reimbursement rates for public payers.
    - Using data to assist employers with understanding their turnover costs and the return on investment from ensuring good jobs for their workforce.
- Designing Career Pathways:
    - Using LMI to identify which occupations are most in-demand in the service area for the chosen targeted industry sector.
    - Identifying which skills and credentials will be needed to inform subsequent training needs for occupations that meet the Good Jobs Principles.
    - Strategically planning how in-demand occupations within the targeted sector fit together along a career pathway that would allow an individual to enter and advance in the workforce, receiving continued wage progression and career advancement opportunity as skills and credential attainment increases.
- Training and Work-Based Learning Models:
    - Assessing employers' skilled workforce needs and current training alignment with occupations that support job quality. This may include developing Good Jobs Frameworks with employers to crosswalk worker needs with skill development to ensure training certifications will lead to good job opportunities.
    - Developing education and training curricula that are skills and competency-based, accessible and which align with in-demand industry certifications to support accelerated skill development and placement.
    - Developing evidence-based workforce training in the identified sector that supports the goals of the project and the Good Job Principles to be addressed by the project. The Department encourages applicants to review resources available on the Clearinghouse for Labor Evaluation and Research's webpage for information on evidence-based workforce training. Some of the allowable training and work-based learning approaches include, but are not limited to:

- traditional classroom training;
- work-based learning such as on-the-job training, customized training programs, incumbent worker training, Registered Apprenticeship Programs (RAPs), Pre-apprenticeship programs that articulate to RAPs, paid work experience and paid internships that lead to a recognized postsecondary credential, or other work experiences;
- competency-based and online training strategies.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible lead applicants are labor unions and organizations, labor-management partnerships, and worker centers and organizations; workforce intermediaries; state and local workforce development boards; Native American tribal governments; education/training providers; industry-based intermediaries and industry associations; national of community-based nonprofits; state, county and local governments; and state registered apprenticeship agencies.

Funding

In FY 2024, a minimum of $12 million is available to support approximately 5 to 10 awards for the first open period of funding. Funding will be awarded as follows:

- Tier 1: Individual grant amounts for this tier will be up to $500,000 with a period of performance of 18 months with an anticipated start date of September 30, 2024
- Tier 2: Individual grant amounts for this tier will range from $500,000 to $3 million with a period of performance of 3 years with an anticipated start date of September 30, 2024

Applicants may only apply for and propose grant projects under one of the Tiers identified in this solicitation.

Based on the availability of funds, the agency intends to fund a second open period of funding for these Critical Sectors Job Quality Grants. The same FOA will be used for each round.

Matching and Cost Sharing

This program does not require cost sharing or matching funds.

Applicants for both tiers are strongly encouraged to leverage additional funds to support the project but leveraged resources are not required. For both tiers, leveraged resources can come from a variety of sources, including, but not limited to, businesses, industry associations, labor organizations, community-based organizations, education and training providers, philanthropic organizations, and/or federal, state, and local government programs.

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GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Department of Labor
Agency: Veterans Employment and Training Service

FY 2026 Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program, Incarcerated Veterans' Transition Program, and the Homeless Women Veterans and Homeless Veterans with Children Reintegration Grant Program

Grant Overview

This program is an employment-focused program intended to enable veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness to reach their full employment potential and obtain high-quality career outcomes. Eligible applicants include state, local, and special district governments; institutions of higher education; Native American tribal governments and organizations; housing authorities; nonprofits, for profit, and faith-based organizations; and other organizations and agencies.

Program History

	Total Funding	Awards
2024	$57 million	157

Key Information

Total Funding: $23 million
Award Range: $150,000 to $500,000
Match: Not required
Solicitation date: January 16, 2026
Proposal due: March 6, 2026

https://www.dol.gov/agencies/vets/programs/hvrp

Awardee Profile

City of Jacksonville, FL

AMOUNT: $271,457
YEAR: 2024

Funding will be used to provide employment and training services homeless veterans need to re-enter the labor force including job placement, training, career counseling, and resume preparation services.

Department: U.S. Department of Labor
Agency: Veterans Employment and Training Service

FY 2026 Homeless Veterans’ Reintegration Program, Incarcerated Veterans’ Transition Program, and the Homeless Women Veterans and Homeless Veterans with Children Reintegration Grant Program

Detailed Summary

This program is an employment-focused, competitive federal grant program intended to enable veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness to reach their full employment potential and obtain high-quality career outcomes. This program is aligned with the priorities set forth by the President’s Executive Orders to deliver comprehensive employment services to eligible veterans to assist these veterans in transitioning from homelessness to stable employment and to connect them with high-paying, skilled job opportunities that will shape the workforce of the future.

The funding agency will fund three types of competitive grants under this program: the Homeless Veterans’ Reintegration Program (HVRP), Incarcerated Veterans’ Transition Program (IVTP), and the Homeless Women Veterans and Homeless Veterans with Children Reintegration Program (HWVHVWC). These programs are collectively referred to as HVRP.

The three types of competitive grant funding under this program establish three population categories:

- Category 1 (HVRP): Includes applicants who propose to serve veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Under this category, applicants may serve populations eligible under all three categories.
- Category 2 (HWVHVWC): Includes applicants that want to use 100 percent of their grant funding to serve homeless women veterans and homeless veterans with children.
- Category 3 (IVTP): Includes applicants that want to use 100 percent of their grant funding to serve the following populations:
  - Veterans who are transitioning from certain institutions or any other veterans who are transitioning from being incarcerated, meaning they are scheduled to be released from incarceration or an institution within 18 months (at the time of enrollment in HVRP).
  - Veterans recently released (within the last 18 months from the date of HVRP enrollment) from incarceration who are at risk of homelessness.

Applicants must identify in the abstract of the application whether the grant type is Category 1 (HVRP), Category 2 (HWVHVWC), or Category 3 (IVTP). The application will be reviewed under Category 1 (HVRP) if not explicitly identified.

The funding agency is committed to developing an appropriate distribution of program funds to serve the most veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness. The funding agency will consider the saturation levels of grant recipients versus the homeless veteran population in each geographical area to ensure services are within saturation limits.

The funding agency develops a service delivery areas (SDA) saturation map of every Continuum of Care that this program serves. The saturation level is calculated by dividing the total number of HVRP planned enrollments in the Continuum of Care by the most recent HUD PIT count for the number of veterans experiencing homelessness. Applicants should be aware that requesting an oversaturated SDA may result in the grant failing to meet enrollment goals listed in an application's *PY26 Planned Goals Chart*.

To help address the number of veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, the funding agency requires grant recipients to provide services tailored to each veteran's needs using a case management approach. Grant recipients must help connect veterans to supportive services available in their local communities. In addition, grant recipients must also help veterans successfully return to work by providing job training services that support their needs. This can be done by providing direct help or by creating a strong referral system that includes tools, resources, and partnerships that identify, find, prepare, and support veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness so they can reach their full employment potential.

The funding agency encourages applicants to serve eligible veterans in rural areas that will improve access to essential resources, foster community engagement, and overcome employment barriers to secure employment in stable, high-demand occupations.

Program goals and objectives include:

- Deliver career exploration opportunities, placement, and supportive services to veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness, empowering them to secure employment in stable, high-demand occupations paying wages consistent with the relevant market.
- Establish strong partnerships with public, private, and nonprofit organizations to assist veterans in overcoming barriers to employment.
- Provide job-driven training targeted at in-demand occupations to enable veterans to become employable or seek a higher employment grade.

Veterans served by this program include the following categories:

- Homeless veterans, including:
    - Veterans who were homeless but found housing during the 60-day period preceding the date of HVRP enrollment.
    - Veterans who, at the time of enrollment in HVRP, are at risk of homelessness within the next 60 days.
- Veterans participating in a HUD-VA supported housing program for which rental assistance is provided.
- Veterans who are receiving assistance under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996.
- Veterans who are transitioning from being incarcerated.
- Veterans participating in the VA rapid rehousing and/or prevention program.

Annual appropriations may authorize grant recipients to also serve other veteran populations at risk of homelessness. Congress has authorized grant recipients to serve veterans recently released from incarceration who are at risk of homelessness.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants include state, county, city or township, and special district governments; public, state controlled, and private institutions of higher education; Native American tribal governments and tribal organizations; public housing authorities or Indian housing authorities; nonprofits with or without a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS; for profit organizations; small businesses; U.S territories or possessions; Native American tribally designated organizations; state and local workforce development boards (SWDB/LWDB) established under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA); faith-based organizations; and other state and local government agencies.

Faith-based organizations are encouraged to apply. Those that meet the eligibility requirements may receive awards under this funding opportunity. The funding agency will not, in the selection of recipients and administration of the grant, discriminate on the basis of an organization's religious character, affiliation, exercise, or lack thereof, or on the basis of conduct that would not be considered grounds to favor or disfavor a similarly situated secular organization.

The applicant agency or organization must also maintain a physical location in the proposed service delivery area.

Funding Details

In FY 2026, approximately $23 million will be available to fund an expected 61 grant awards ranging from $150,000 to $500,000 for the first year of grant operation. Annual increments, subject to the availability of federal funding, will be provided in years two and three, with a total of up to $1,500,000 awarded for the three-year period of performance covering July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029.

The period of performance is 36 months with an anticipated start date of July 1, 2026, and an end date of June 30, 2029. This performance period includes all necessary implementation, start-up activities, and follow-up activities.

Matching and Cost Sharing

This program does not require cost sharing. Including such funds is not one of the application screening criteria, and applications that include any form of cost sharing will not receive special consideration during the review process. Instead, the agency considers any resources contributed to the project beyond the funds provided by the agency as leveraged resources.

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Department of Labor
Agency: Employment and Training Administration (ETA)

FY 2024 Youth Systems Building Academy (YSB Academy)

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to provide local workforce systems and their community partners with training and technical assistance through a six-month academy as they create plans to explore, design, test, implement, or scale system-level approaches to engage and support young people, particularly from marginalized and under-represented communities, entering the workforce. Eligible applicants are local community teams led by their local workforce agencies, local governments, and consortia.

Program History

There is no available history for this program.

Key Information

Total Funding: Unspecified
Award Range: Unspecified
Match: Not required
Solicitation date: September 29, 2023
Proposal due: November 10, 2023

More information can be found here.

Tips

- Applicants are encouraged to review the guidelines and instructions, which outline who is eligible to participate in the Academy, the expected outcomes of the Academy, the level of commitment required, the types of TA and support offered, and how self-nominations will be considered.

Department: U.S. Department of Labor
Agency: Employment and Training Administration (ETA)

FY 2024 Youth Systems Building Academy (YSB Academy)

Detailed Summary

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The goals of the academy are to:

- Improve youth employment opportunities and outcomes
- Increase understanding of equitable policies and practices for youth career pathways as well as what a quality job means for youth workers
- Align local systems policies, resources, and programming, including U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)-funded programs and investments and other federal, state, local, and philanthropic-funded investments
- Use data to inform system improvements, including promoting a better understanding of how to use and share data to ensure equitable access and outcomes for youth served
- Increase knowledge and access to resources related to youth workforce professional development and building skills of youth practitioners related to positive youth development and trauma-informed principles
- Increase awareness of the public workforce system for youth and young adults by engaging youth and including youth voice in messaging, recruitment, and engagement and other programmatic decision making

Through virtual and in-person events, the academy will provide participating communities with the opportunity to gain exposure to new ideas, work collaboratively on shared challenges, and receive ongoing consultation and technical support. During two three-day in-person convenings, teams will:

- Work with their members in a focused environment to explore issues and solutions in-depth
- Engage in cross-team exchanges to share information and build a larger professional network
- Receive technical assistance coaching support, expert consultations, and customized learning
- Hear from subject matter experts in youth workforce development and related topics
- Integrate new ideas and concepts into their local system planning efforts
- Meet their self-determined goals for system planning efforts

In addition to the two convenings, the academy will include virtual coaching and tailored training and technical assistance, including:

- One-on-one expert coaching for each participating community
- Peer learning opportunities
- Other expert supports and consultations
- Support with developing and documenting plans for systems building efforts

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are local community teams led by their local workforce agencies, local governments, and consortia.

Each community must have an implementation team of at least four individuals. The implementation team must include at least one representative from the local workforce agency. Community partners may be from public, private, philanthropic, and community-based organizations that focus on education, transportation, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), housing, child welfare, health and mental health, juvenile justice, or disability services and should be selected to best achieve the community's system building goals.

All local communities are encouraged to participate, whether they are in the early phases of implementing a systemic approach to service delivery for youth or have been engaged in youth systems building efforts for some time. Communities small or large; urban, rural, and suburban; and local and tribal are encouraged to participate.

Communities that applied for this program's FY 2023 solicitation but were not selected to participate are eligible to update their self-nomination materials and apply again.

Communities that were selected to participate through this program's FY 2023 solicitation are <u>not</u> eligible to apply.

Funding

In FY 2024, rather than providing monetary awards, this program will provide individualized training and technical assistance to eight to ten local workforce systems and their community partners through a six-month academy. The academy will provide communities with dedicated time and support to thoughtfully plan for long-term systems change and is intended to be a springboard to longer-term designing, testing, and implementation activities that will occur well after this six-month initiative.

Community selections and announcements are expected to be made on December 6, 2023.

The academy involves two three-day in-person convenings that will be held in February 2024 and May 2024 in Washington, D.C. Travel and on-site costs related to attending these convenings will be covered by the funding agency for four individuals from each participating community. If space is available, communities will be invited to bring up to four additional participants to each convening at their own expense.

In addition to the two convenings, the academy will include virtual coaching and tailored training and technical assistance. The initial coaching call is expected to take place by the end of January 2024.

The academy is expected to conclude on June 28, 2024.

Matching and Cost Sharing

There are no stated matching requirements for this program.

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More information can be found here.

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Department of Labor
Agency: Employment and Training Administration

FY 2025 YouthBuild Program

Grant Overview

The YouthBuild program supports the provision of pre-apprenticeship occupational skills training, education, and job placement services to disadvantaged and low-income youth between the ages of 16 and 24. Eligible applicants are state, county, city, special district, and township governments; independent school districts; public, state-controlled and private institutions of higher education; Federally recognized Native American tribal governments; public housing and Indian housing authorities; faith-based organizations and nonprofits.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2022	$89 million	68
2023	$98 million	72
2024	$99.3 million	72

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: $98 million
Award Range: $1 million - $2 million
Match: 25 percent
Solicitation date: December 23, 2025
Proposal due: March 2, 2026

- The funding agency intends to award at least 50 percent of the total available funding to Category A applicants

https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/youth/youthbuild

Awardee Profile

Community Youth Development Institute
Chicago, IL

AMOUNT: $1,500,000
YEAR: 2024

The Community Youth Development Institute received funding to provide a unique approach that engaged opportunity-youth by integrating academic education with hands-on construction and landscaping training, enabling participants to earn industry-recognized certifications and preparing them for successful careers and further education.

Department: U.S. Department of Labor
Agency: Employment and Training Administration

FY 2025 YouthBuild Program

Detailed Summary

The YouthBuild program supports the provision of pre-apprenticeship occupational skills training, education, and job placement services to disadvantaged and low-income youth between the ages of 16 and 24. The program also includes wraparound supportive services such as assistance in transportation, childcare, and housing. Projects must offer participants construction training and hands-on experiences building affordable housing for their community. Projects may also include a Construction Plus component, providing vocational training in additional high-demand industries.

The program's goals are to:

- Develop partnerships and pathways that lead directly to high-wage employment and placements in registered apprenticeship programs (RAPs)
- Provide youth with workforce readiness skills to achieve economic self-sufficiency through the pursuit of postsecondary education, training, RAPs, and employment in in-demand occupations
- Expand the supply of permanent affordable housing for low-income or homeless individuals and families
- Encourage the alignment of the pre-apprenticeship model with training for construction industries, as well as in-demand industries
- Offer an educational alternative for young people interested in hands-on, meaningful learning activities
- Prepare participants to enter and succeed in RAPs
- Expand access to high-quality artificial intelligence (AI) coursework and certifications

Projects will be recognized as pre-apprentice programs, which must include the following elements:

- Training and curriculum that aligns with the skill needs of employers in the economy of the state or region involved
- Access to educational and career counseling and other supportive services, directly or indirectly
- Hands-on, meaningful learning activities that are connected to education and training activities, such as exploring career options and understanding how the skills acquired through coursework can be applied toward a future career
- Opportunities to attain at least one industry-recognized credential
- A partnership with one or more RAPs that assists in placing individuals who complete the pre-apprenticeship program in a RAP

All applicants must describe their plans to provide construction skills training while participants build or substantially renovate at least one unit of housing during the project period. Housing built and/or renovated by participants must be available only for homeless and/or low-income individuals and families, with this requirement stated in a restrictive covenant lasting at least five years.

Award recipients must provide priority of service to veterans and spouses of certain veterans for the receipt of employment, training, and placement services in any job training program directly funded, in whole or in part, by the funding agency.

Priority will be given to projects that:

- Support educational freedom
- Support AI literacy and/or shipbuilding trades

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are state, county, city, special district, and township governments; independent school districts; public, state-controlled and private institutions of higher education; Federally recognized Native American tribal governments; public housing and Indian housing authorities; and nonprofits. Faith-based organizations are encouraged to apply.

Applicants must maintain a physical local presence in any identified target communities they propose to serve and are expected to recruit and enroll participants who reside within their identified service area. However, up to 20 percent of project participants may reside outside of the service area. Work sites should be within the service area and must be within reasonable commuting distance.

Funding

In FY 2025, $98 million is available to support approximately 57 awards of at least $1 million through this program. Award maximums are as follows:

- Category A applicants that previously received awards through this program and demonstrated success: $2 million
- Category B applicants that have not previously received awards through this program: $1.5 million

Subject to the number of quality applications, the funding agency intends to award at least 50 percent of total available program funding to eligible applicants that received awards through this program and that have demonstrated success. These will be considered Category A applicants, while other applicants will be deemed Category B applicants. Category A applicants may propose multiple Construction Plus industries, and Category B applicants may propose no more than one Construction Plus industry. The project period is 40 months and is expected to begin on July 1, 2026.

Matching and Cost Sharing

In general, applicants must provide 25 percent of the total award amount via cash or in-kind contributions, and applicants are encouraged to leverage additional resources beyond the required match to increase stakeholder investment in the project and broaden the impact of the project itself.

Matching funds are not required for the governments of American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, as well as for Native American tribes, Native American nonprofit organizations, and Native Hawaiian and Alaska Native organizations. However, these applicants are encouraged to leverage resources, including those from federal sources.

Matching contributions must be verifiable, not included as contributions for other federal awards, and necessary and reasonable for achieving project objectives. Allowable matching contributions include those from nonfederal public sources, such as states, municipalities, and public school boards; charter schools; local trade or technical schools; and internal resources. Federal contributions may not be used as a match.

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Department: U.S. Department of Transportation
Agency: Office of the Secretary for Transportation Policy

FY 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to support surface transportation projects that will have a significant local or regional impact. Eligible applicants are States and the District of Columbia; any territory or possession of the United States; a unit of local government; a public agency or publicly chartered authority established by one or more States; a special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, including a port authority; a Federally recognized Indian Tribe or a consortium of such Indian Tribes; a transit agency; and a multi-State or multijurisdictional group of entities that are separately eligible.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2025	$1.8 billion	139
2024	$1.8 billion	148
2023	$1.5 billion	162

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: $1.5 billion
Award Range: $1 million - $25 million (rural)
$5 million - $25 million (urban)
Match: 20 percent (urban)
Solicitation date: November 26, 2025
Proposal due: February 24, 2026

- FY 2026 un-awarded BUILD applications advanced to the Highly Rated List will be automatically designated as “Projects of Merit” for FY 2027 BUILD.

https://www.transportation.gov/BUILDgrants

Awardee Profile

Dorchester County
Dorchester County, SC

AMOUNT: $24,666,750
YEAR: 2025

This project will widen US 78 from west of Orangeburg Road to North Maple Street, expanding the roadway from two lanes to five lanes and includes the installation of approximately 3.39 miles of sidewalk, approximately 4.9 miles of bicycle lanes, and approximately 0.41 miles of multi-use path. Additional improvements involve upgrading intersections with dedicated turn lanes and concrete medians, replacing the Rumphs Hill Creek culvert, and adding curb and gutter along the corridor.

Department: U.S. Department of Transportation
Agency: Office of the Secretary for Transportation Policy

FY 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant

Detailed Summary

The goal of the BUILD program is to fund eligible surface transportation projects that will have a significant local or regional impact. The Department seeks to fund projects that advance the priorities of this Administration as described in DOT's mission statement, and across executive orders.

Eligible **capital projects** include but are not limited to:

- Highway, bridge, or other road projects eligible under title 23, United States Code
- Public transportation projects eligible under chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code
- Passenger and freight rail transportation projects
- Port infrastructure investments (including inland port infrastructure and land ports of entry)
- Surface transportation components of an airport project eligible for assistance under part B of subtitle VII of title 49, United States Code (see Airport Improvement Program Handbook Appendix P for details)
- Projects investing in surface transportation facilities that are located on Tribal land and for which title or maintenance responsibility is vested in the Federal Government
- Projects to replace or rehabilitate a culvert or prevent stormwater runoff for the purpose of improving habitat for aquatic species while advancing the goals of the BUILD program
- Intermodal projects
- Other surface transportation infrastructure projects that the Secretary considers to be necessary to advance the goals of the program
    - Public road and non-motorized projects that are not otherwise eligible under title 23, United States Code
    - Surface transportation components of transit-oriented development projects
    - Surface transportation components of mobility on-demand projects that expand access and reduce transportation cost burden

Research, demonstration, or pilot projects are only eligible if they lead to long-term, permanent surface transportation infrastructure with independent utility.

If an application includes right-of-way acquisition, the project will be considered a capital project.

Eligible **planning projects** activities include:

- Planning, preparation, design, or engineering of eligible surface transportation capital projects described in the Capital Projects section that will not result in construction with FY 2026 BUILD funding.

  - Examples include feasibility studies, benefit-cost analysis, environmental analysis, permitting, and other pre-construction activities.
- Development of master plans, comprehensive plans, transportation corridor plans, and integrated economic development, land use, housing, and transportation plans
- Planning activities related to the development of a multimodal freight corridor
- Development of port and regional port planning grants, including State-wide or multi-port planning within a single jurisdiction or region
- Risk assessments and planning to identify vulnerabilities and address the transportation system's ability to withstand probable occurrence or recurrence of an emergency or major disaster

Components in a single application must be related.

The funding agency may prioritize the selection of projects that:

- Can begin construction within 18 months of selection
- Are located in a designated Qualified Opportunity Zone
- Have a higher percent of non-federal funding committed to the project
- Have not received a BUILD grant previously (formerly RAISE or TIGER)

Definitions

Urban: A project is designated as urban if it is located within (or on the boundary of) a Census-designated urban area that had a population greater than 200,000 in the 2020 Census. See the interactive map.

Rural: A project is designated as rural if it is located outside a Census-designated urban area that had a population greater than 200,000 in the 2020 Census. See the interactive map.

Areas of Persistent Poverty (APP): A project is located in an Area of Persistent Poverty if:

1. the **County** in which the project is located consistently had greater than or equal to 20 percent of the population living in poverty during the 30-year period preceding November 15, 2021, as measured by the 1990 and 2000 decennial census and the most recent annual Small Area Income Poverty Estimates; **OR**
2. the **Census Tract** in which the project is located has a poverty rate of at least 20 percent as measured by the 2014-2018 5-year data series available from the American Community Survey of the Bureau of the Census; **OR**
3. the project is located in any territory or possession of the United States.

See the interactive map to show Areas of Persistent Poverty.

Historically Disadvantaged Communities (HDC): HDCs will use the same definition as APP for the purposes of this program.

Qualified Opportunity Zones: Opportunity Zones are economically distressed communities, defined by individual census tract. See the interactive map and list on the IRS website.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are States and the District of Columbia; any territory or possession of the United States; a unit of local government; a public agency or publicly chartered authority established by one or more States; a special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, including a port authority; a Federally recognized Indian Tribe or a consortium of such Indian Tribes; a transit agency; and a multi-State or multijurisdictional group of entities that are separately eligible.

Multiple States or jurisdictions may submit a joint application and should identify a lead applicant as the primary point of contact and identify the primary recipient of the award.

Previous recipients of a BUILD grant may apply for funding to support additional phases of their project. The application should demonstrate the extent to which the previously funded project has met estimated project schedules and budget, as well as the ability to realize the benefits expected for the project.

Applicants with an FY 2025 BUILD Project of Merit designation need to submit a new application to be considered under the FY 2026 competition.

Funding

In FY 2026, a total of $1.5 billion infrastructure law funding is available to support awards through this program. For capital awards, the minimum award amount is $5 million for projects located in urban areas and $1 million for projects located in rural areas. There is no minimum award amount for planning awards. The maximum award amount for both capital and planning grants is $25 million.

For most projects awarded under this program, the obligation deadline will be September 30, 2030; a smaller subset of funds awarded under this program may have an earlier obligation deadline, depending on the specific source of funds. All funds must be expended (the grant obligation must be liquidated or actually paid out to the grantee) by September 30, 2035. Funds will be provided on a reimbursement basis.

Funding will be allocated as follows:

- No more than 15 percent of the total funding available, or $225 million, can be awarded to a single State.
- No more than 50 percent of the total funding available, or up to $750 million, will be allocated to rural projects
- No more than 50 percent of the total funding available, or up to $750 million, will be allocated to urban projects, which, for the purposes of this program, are defined as census-designated urbanized areas that had a population greater than 200,000 in the 2020 Census
- At least 5 percent, or $75 million, will be allocated for planning awards.
- At least 1 percent, or $15 million, will be allocated to projects located in areas of persistent poverty or historically disadvantaged communities
- Up to 20 percent of the total funding available, or $300 million may be allocated to support the subsidy and administrative costs of projects receiving credit assistance under the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) Program, or the Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing (RRIF) Program.

Award selections will be announced no later than June 28, 2026.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Applicants with projects located in urban areas must provide at least 20 percent of the total project costs non-federal cash match. Projects located in rural areas, historically disadvantaged areas, and areas of persistent poverty are eligible for Federal funds of up to 100 percent of total project costs.

Non-Federal sources include State funds originating from programs funded by State revenue, local funds originating from State or local revenue-funded programs, private funds, tribal transportation program funds, Federal lands transportation funds, TIFIA program funds, Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing program funds, and Federal credit assistance. Cost share may be considered a competitive selection factor.

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Department of Transportation
Agency: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)

FY 2025 Commercial Motor Vehicle Operator Safety Training (CMVOST) Program

Grant Overview

This program supports training for the safe operation of commercial motor vehicles and to assist current and former members of the U.S. Armed Forces, including National Guard members and Reservists, in obtaining Commercial Drivers Licenses (CDLs). Eligible applicants are state, county, city or township, and Indian/Native American tribal governments; independent school districts; public/state-controlled institutions of higher education; 501(c)(3) nonprofits; small businesses; Hispanic serving institutions; historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs); tribally controlled colleges and universities (TCCUs); and Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian serving institutions.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2024	$3.5 million	27

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: $3.4 million
Award Range: $200,000
Match: Not required
Solicitation Date: May 21, 2025
Proposal Due: June 20, 2025

- All applicants must meet Entry Level Driver Training (ELDT) requirements and be listed on the Training Provider Registry upon application submission.

https://ai.fmcsa.dot.gov/Grants/CMVOST.aspx

Awardee Profile

Northwest Florida State College, Niceville, Florida

AMOUNT: $186,480
YEAR: 2024

Northwest Florida State College received funding to cover student expenses and testing fees for an eight-week CDL program. The grant will also be used to serve current and former members of the armed forces and their families by providing them with training and placement services to assist them in becoming employed in the transportation industry.

Department: U.S. Department of Transportation
Agency: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)

FY 2025 Commercial Motor Vehicle Operator Training Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to train individuals in the safe operation of commercial motor vehicles (CMV). This program will prioritize training for current and former members of the U.S. Armed Forces, including National Guard members and Reservists. The program provides financial assistance to organizations that provide CMV operator training.

The program will prioritize providing funding for tuition expenses and other reimbursable educational expenses for students under the definition of "Qualified Students." Qualified Students are current and former members of the U.S. Armed Forces, including National Guard members and Reserve members, and children and spouses of service members. All such family member students are eligible for training, with or without the service member. Service members will receive priority for funding.

Eligible costs include:

- The applicant's published tuition rate. The tuition may include such costs for DOT physicals, required DOT drug testing fees, and driver licensing fees, if they are standard published elements that are included in the published tuition rate.
- Indirect Costs (IDC) based upon the approved IDC rate from a cognizant agency.

To the extent permitted by law and to the extent applicable, priority will be given to grant applications in accordance with DOT Order – Ensuring Reliance upon Sound Economic Analysis in Department of Transportation Policies, Program, and Activities.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are state governments, county governments, city or township governments, independent school districts, public/state-controlled institutions of higher education, Indian/Native American tribal governments, 501(c)(3) nonprofits, small businesses, Hispanic serving institutions, historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs), tribally controlled colleges and universities (TCCUs), and Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian serving institutions.

All applicants must also meet one of the two criteria listed below:

- Educational institutions accredited by an accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education will be considered for funding.
- Non-accredited institutions that are approved by the Department of Labor as eligible training providers and who accept Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) grants; and approved by the SAAs, and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to accept VA benefits will also be considered for funding.

All applicants must also meet the requirements for Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) and be listed on the Training Provider Registry. Additionally, applicants must submit documentation to support that the entity meets the eligibility requirements.

Funding

In FY 2025, a total of $3.4 million is anticipated to be available to support approximately 25 awards up to $200,000 through this program.

Project periods will include the fiscal year in which awards are made, plus two additional fiscal years. Project periods will begin upon the award date.

Matching and Cost-Share

There is no required match for this program.

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Department of Transportation
Agency: Office of the Secretary of Transportation

FY 2023 Thriving Communities Program

Grant Overview

This program will fund cooperative agreements for Capacity Builders to provide technical assistance, planning, and capacity building support that advances transformative infrastructure plans, projects, and processes primarily in communities that have disproportionate rates of pollution and poor air quality, communities experiencing disproportionate human health and environmental effects, areas of persistent poverty, or historically disadvantaged communities. Depending on program type, eligible applicants include non-profit organizations, state or local governments and their agencies, Indian Tribes, philanthropic entities, and other technical assistance providers with a demonstrated capacity to develop and provide technical assistance, planning, and capacity building.

Program History

Year	Total Funding	# of Awards
2022	$ 21.15 million	4

Key Information

Total Funding: $22 million
Award Range: $1 million to $5 million
Match: Not required
Solicitation date: September 12, 2023
Proposal due: November 28, 2023

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Tips

- **Two program types** are supported: 1) Thriving Communities National Capacity Builder Program (TCP-N) which provides technical assistance, planning, and capacity building support and 2) Thriving Communities Regional Pilot Program (TCP-R) which coordinates assistance to advance and align infrastructure goals and projects.
- An overview webinar will be held on **September 15, 2023, from 12:30-1:30 pm Eastern Time**.

Department: U.S. Department of Transportation
Agency: Office of the Secretary of Transportation

FY 2023 Thriving Communities Program

Detailed Summary

The goal of the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Thriving Communities Program (TCP) for Capacity Builders is to ensure disadvantaged communities adversely and/or disproportionately affected by environmental, climate, and human health policy outcomes have the technical tools and organizational capacity to comprehensively plan for and deliver quality infrastructure projects and community development projects that enable their communities and neighborhoods to thrive.

In FY 2023, two distinct funding options, each of which will involve a team of Capacity Builders helping disadvantaged and/or low-capacity communities, are available through this program:

- **Thriving Communities National Capacity Builder Program (TCP-N):** Funds TCP-N Capacity Builders through cooperative agreements to provide individualized technical assistance, planning, and capacity building support to 15-20 communities located around the country, selected, and assigned by the funding agency, and organized into a Community of Practice.
- **Thriving Communities Regional Pilot Program (TCP-R):** Funds state and local governments and their agencies, Tribal governments, and regional governments or organizations through cooperative agreements to provide support to disadvantaged communities selected by the applicant that are located within their jurisdiction or service area.

The **TCP-N** program will provide technical assistance, planning, and capacity building support at a national level to help communities scope, develop, and deliver transportation projects that advance community stabilization or revitalization activities that benefit disadvantaged populations and communities. Within the project scoping, development, and design phases, the TCP-N will support and build local capacity to accelerate projects; access and manage federal funding; and deploy local hiring, workforce development, and inclusive community engagement practices.

The primary focus of support through TCP-N is on assisting individual communities, selected by the funding agency, to successfully advance projects identified through meaningful public involvement that deliver a broad set of transportation, climate, equity, housing, economic, and other community benefits. Once matched with the selected TCP communities, TCP-N Capacity Builders will provide individualized deep-dive support and develop processes to engage with these recipients and their community partners to co-design a tailored scope of work and set of equitable development outcomes to be achieved over a two-year period within 90 days of the period of performance start date.

To build collective and sustained learning, TCP-N Capacity Builders will also support a Community of Practice throughout the period of performance that facilitates peer learning across selected TCP communities. This may include face-to-face meetings, as well as web-based collaborative environments to communicate, connect, and conduct activities that collectively facilitate long-term capacity building and systems change.

Three Communities of Practice were established by the funding agency to organize communities and their technical assistance, planning, and capacity building needs in relation to shared demographics, transportation challenges, and programmatic opportunities. These include:

1. Main Streets – focused on Tribal and rural communities and the interconnected transportation, community, housing, and economic development issues they face.
2. Complete Neighborhoods – focused on urban and suburban communities located within Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) planning areas working to better coordinate transportation with land use, housing, and economic development.
3. Networked Communities – Focused on those communities located near ports, airports, freight, and rail facilities to address mobility, access, housing, environmental justice, and economic issues including leveraging their proximity to these facilities for wealth-building and economic development opportunities.

TCP-Rs will be funded to advance transformative infrastructure projects in disadvantaged communities or jurisdictions located within a specific state, Tribe, or metropolitan region that face barriers to implementation. Eligible applicants receiving funding will select the communities within their jurisdiction or service area and provide technical assistance, planning and capacity building support for transportation projects that align with housing, economic development, public health, climate, and other community development plans and goals. TCP-R funding is expected to advance these types of transportation projects forward into the next phase of development, deepen community engagement, and align with local or regional zoning, land use, economic development, or other plans and investments. Eligible project activities include:

- Identifying funding opportunities that align with transportation goals and advance mobility access, climate resilience, equitable community development, and healthy communities in support of regional or statewide plans
- Supporting pre-development planning and scoping of projects that coordinate transportation with other land use, housing, and infrastructure development
- Building organizational capacity and strengthened relationships between key stakeholders that deepen regional engagement and collaboration, position partners for future funding opportunities, and/or support inclusive planning processes
- Funding planning and technical assistance activities that reform local land use and zoning policies to align transportation infrastructure investment with equitable community development
- Establishing pooled resources and/or innovative funding tools that increase community investments in transportation, housing, environment, and health
- Supporting regional economic and workforce development that promotes local hiring, access to transit, and jobs in high-quality industries
- Activities to support grant writing, project management, and compliance with grant administration requirements
- Peer learning, networking, and knowledge sharing on strategies, types of tools, and lessons learned with other communities in the applicant's state or region

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants for TCP-N funding are non-profit organizations, philanthropic entities, and other technical assistance providers including academic institutions and private sector organizations with a demonstrated capacity to develop and provide technical assistance, planning, and capacity building to a range of communities located across multiple states and regions. Applicants are required to identify at least two community partners with whom they will work to advance local goals to be supported through TCP-N assistance.

Eligible applicants for TCP-R funding are state and local governments and their agencies, Indian Tribes, or regional planning non-profit organizations. Partnerships are not required at the community level but are encouraged to ensure meaningful coordination and engagement across stakeholders.

Applicants are encouraged to partner with other similar eligible organizations to deepen and broaden technical assistance and capacity building expertise.

Funding

In FY 2023, the funding agency expects to award cooperative agreements through this program with up to $22 million total being available for awards.

- At least three TCP-N Capacity Builder cooperative agreements are anticipated to be in the range of $4 to 5 million each; and
- At least four TCP-R cooperative agreements are anticipated to be in the range of $1 to 2 million each.

The funding agency will review complete and eligible applications and evaluate them based on the applicant's approach to technical assistance and capacity building, teaming arrangements, proven success, and program management and evaluation. The period of performance is three years.

Matching and Cost Sharing

There is no cost sharing or match commitment requirement.

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Agency: Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization (OBLR)

FY 2025 Brownfields Job Training (JT) Grants

Grant Overview

This program provides funding to recruit, train, and place unemployed and under-employed residents of solid and hazardous waste-impacted communities with the skills needed to obtain full-time, sustainable employment. Eligible applicants are local governments, land clearance authorities, regional councils, Indian tribes including Alaskan tribes, and nonprofit organizations.

Program History

	Funding	# of awards
2024	$12 million	29

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: $14 million
Award Range: Up to $500,000
Match: Not required
Solicitation date: May 17, 2024
Proposal due: August 15, 2024

- Applications that target high-need individuals will be reviewed more favorably
- All projects must offer the 40-hour hazardous waste operations and emergency response training as part of the training curriculum.

https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/354298

Awardee Profile

Mott Community College
Flint, Michigan

AMOUNT: $195,050
YEAR: 2013

Mott Community College requested and received $195,050 to fund the Environmental Workforce Training Program, a project that targets current participants in the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) program located in the City of Flint, Michigan, and the surrounding areas. The project provides technology training and employment in the recovery and development of over 130 acres of brownfield sites in the area.

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Department: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Agency: Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization (OBLR)FY

2025 U.S. Brownfields Job Training (JT) Grants

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to recruit, train, and place unemployed and under-employed residents of solid and hazardous waste-impacted communities with the skills needed to obtain full-time, sustainable employment. This program promotes the facilitation of activities related to assessment, cleanup, or preparation of contaminated sites, including brownfields, for reuse, while simultaneously building a local workforce with the skills needed to perform remediation work that is supportive of environmental protection and environmental health and safety. Training programs funded by the Brownfields Job Training Grant provide program graduates with the opportunity to seek and obtain environmental jobs that contractors may otherwise fill from outside the affected community. EPA intends to use this grant opportunity to support the creation of good-paying jobs with the free and fair choice to join a union and the incorporation of strong labor standards and workforce programs.

Brownfields Job Training Grants help residents take advantage of jobs across a spectrum of brownfield related activities, including the assessment, cleanup, remediation, and planning/site preparation for the revitalization of brownfields. This can involve the assessment and cleanup of solid and hazardous waste; chemical risk management; stormwater management relating to site cleanup; planning and site preparation for low impact development activities; planning and site preparation for green infrastructure installation and maintenance; and vulnerability assessment and contamination mitigation planning. Applicants will be evaluated on the extent to which they partner with and secure hiring commitments from local contractors and other stakeholders in communities where EPA-funded projects are located.

All training must relate to facilitating the inventory of brownfield sites, site assessments, remediation of brownfield sites, community involvement, or site preparation.

Eligible uses of funds include:

- Personnel costs, including fringe benefits, for instructors to conduct training and other tasks associated with programmatic training
- Personnel and data infrastructure costs to support programmatic reporting requirements, performance management, and program evaluation
- Costs for recruiting, screening, and placement of individuals in the training program
- Personnel costs for caseworkers or other specialists
- Costs for training materials and work gear associated with the training curriculum
- Development and refinement of existing curricula for training
- Personnel costs for employer engagement activities
- On-the-job training insurance for trainees
- Mentorship associated with on-the-job training, such as peer mentors where an experienced employee is paired with a new trainee

- Costs associated with health exams, drug testing, or licensing fees directly related to the training and/or the placement of graduates in environmental work

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are general purpose units of local government; Land clearance authorities or other quasi-governmental entities that operate under the supervision and control of, or as an agent of, a general purpose unit of local government; government entities created by a state legislature; regional councils or groups of general purpose units of local government; redevelopment agencies that are chartered or otherwise sanctioned by states; states; Indian tribes other than in Alaska; Intertribal consortia; Alaskan Native Regional Corporations; Alaska Native Village Corporations; and the Metlakatla Indian Community; and nonprofit organizations, which may include: workforce investment boards, labor unions, & public and private nonprofit educational institutions.

Applicants may, but are not required to, propose forming a coalition to carry out their Brownfields Job Training Program.

Funding

In FY 2025, approximately $14 million is available to support an estimated 20 awards of up to $500,000 through this program. The award period is five years. Training is anticipated to be concluded by the end of the fourth year, and the fifth year of the award will be devoted to the placement of remaining graduates in employment and reporting accomplishments data to the funding agency. Applicants may propose completing the grant in less than five years.

Matching and Cost-Sharing

Cost sharing or matching is not required for this program, however applicants will be evaluated on leveraged commitments.

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