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APPRENTICESHIP EXPANSION GRANT BID #AEG-4

WHAT IS THE APPRENTICESHIP EXPANSION GRANT?

The New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL) has committed up to \$3 million to expand NYS Registered Apprenticeship (RA) by increasing employment opportunities for apprentices, including underrepresented populations. These apprentices will enter into trades in high-demand occupations. This RFA is supported by State Apprenticeship Expansion Formula (SAEF) funding from the United States Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration. 100% of this RFA will be financed with federal funds, and no non-federal funds are being used.

USE OF FUNDS

Applicants may apply for up to \$300,000 for each award, where up to \$15,000 per apprentice is allowed to cover costs associated with training apprentices, including but not limited to:

- Related Instruction
- On-the-Job Training
 - Please note: The maximum reimbursement rate for OJT under this RFA is 50% of the wage rate of the apprentices for all businesses.
- Books
- Tools

If sufficient funding remains available, awardees may reapply after successfully registering 80% of the planned number of apprentices into their NYS RA program.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR FUNDING?

An eligible applicant must be: a Sponsor of an active or probationary NYS RA program; a lead applicant designated by a Sponsor of an active or probationary NYS RA group program; a Signatory Employer to an active or probationary NYS RA group program; or be an applicant for a NYS RA program whose application has been received by the NYSDOL and posted on the NYSDOL website for public comment.

WHAT IS AN APPRENTICESHIP SPONSOR, AND A SIGNATORY EMPLOYER?

A Sponsor is an employer, a single employer and a union, a group of employers, or a Joint Apprenticeship Committee (JAC) representing both employers and a union or unions, which has the ability to train apprentices, and which is recognized as such by the Commissioner through the registration of a program.

A Signatory Employer is an employer who participates in a NYS RA program run by a sponsoring entity, such as an association or a JAC.

For more information on the NYS RA program, or for assistance with setting up your own apprenticeship training program, please contact your local Apprenticeship Training Representative. Contact information is available at: dol.ny.gov/apprenticeship/apprenticeship-contacts.

WHAT INDUSTRIES ARE INCLUDED UNDER THE APPRENTICESHIP EXPANSION GRANT?

This grant will focus on Advanced Manufacturing, Healthcare, Hospitality, Information Technology, as well as other in-demand occupations identified by Regional Economic Development Councils (REDCs) and Local Workforce Development Boards.

Construction trades are limited to those programs where the trade is to be used only for the upkeep and maintenance of a facility owned by the business entity employing the apprentices, such as plant maintenance trades.

HOW DO I APPLY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRANT?

The Request for Applications is available on the NYSDOL Website (dol.ny.gov/funding-opportunities-0) or through Grants Gateway (grantsmanagement.ny.gov).

Applications will be accepted on an on-going basis until August 30, 2024.

WHERE DO I SUBMIT QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFA?

Applicants may submit questions via electronic mail to WDTD.Onestop@labor.ny.gov. Questions regarding the RFA will be accepted on an ongoing basis, no later than August 16, 2024. Telephone inquiries will not be accepted. All inquiries should include the following reference in the subject line: "AEG-4 Question". Answers to all questions will be posted on the NYSDOL website (dol.ny.gov/funding-opportunities-0) on an ongoing basis, until August 23, 2024.

CONTACT

For questions related to a Registered Apprenticeship program, please use the contact information below

<https://dol.ny.gov/contact-apprentice-regional-supervisor>

The Apprenticeship Training Program can also be contacted via e-mail at: ATCO@labor.ny.gov

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