

Work-based Learning Opportunity Grant - Apprenticeships

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Agenda

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GEER and Work-based Learning (WBL)

- The COVID-19 pandemic widened gaps and opportunities for professional experience and hands-on training through work-based learning opportunities like internships and apprenticeships.
- These **Work-based Learning Opportunity Grants** are designed to strengthen the education to workforce pipeline, drive student opportunity, and aid in the state's economic recovery due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- This grant program stems from an allocation of \$94.6 million in GEER funds to the Coordinating Board and has \$1 million in dedicated funds.

WBL Opportunity Grant – Apprenticeships

- **Purpose:** To strengthen the education to workforce pipeline, drive student opportunity, and aid in the state's economic recovery due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Goal:** To support or expand existing apprenticeship training programs in the spring or summer 2022.
- **Focus:** Training costs, assisting with education related costs for apprentices with financial need, Registered Apprenticeship Programs, pre-apprenticeship programs, participation from non-traditional student and employer populations, and faculty development.

WBL Opportunity Grant – Apprenticeships Awards








Award Schedule

\$165,000 Maximum Award

- Competitive grant award: Applications will be evaluated, ranked, and awarded until funds are fully obligated.
- Public two-year institutions may submit a maximum of one application.
- Grant period ends Sept. 30, 2022.

WBL Opportunity Grant – Apprenticeships Project Criteria

Funding will be provided to eligible applicants who propose one or more of the following programmatic elements:

-  1. Supporting training costs,
 -  2. Supporting apprentices with demonstrated financial need,
 -  3. Expanding Registered Apprenticeship Programs,
 -  4. Developing pre-apprenticeship programs,
 -  5. Encouraging participation from non-traditional students / employers
 -  6. Faculty development
-  Preference will be granted to applications that propose to support, expand, or develop high demand Registered Apprenticeship Programs.

WBL Opportunity Grant – Apprenticeships Allowable Expenses

Allowable Uses

- Supporting training costs
- Providing financial support to student apprentices with demonstrated need
- Expanding Registered Apprenticeship Programs
- Developing Registered Apprenticeship Programs
- Developing pre-apprenticeship programs
- Encouraging participation from non-traditional student and employer populations
- Faculty development in high-value career and technical training credential pathway

Prohibited Costs

- Non-allowable uses of funds include any and all non-allowable costs specified in federal Uniform Grant Guidance (UGG) as well as the following: travel expenses, institutional marketing and/or communications expenses other than those pertaining to the grant project; and technology that is not for instructional use (e.g., laptops for staff).

WBL Opportunity Grant – Apprenticeships Application Calendar

Jan. 13

Invitation for Applications

Jan. 20

Informational Webinar at 9 a.m.

Jan. 25

Last Day for Applicant Inquiries

Jan. 31

Application Deadline

Feb. 15

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Description of Current Infrastructure.

Narrative demonstrates how apprenticeship programs are structured and supported at your institution, including data on students that participated in apprenticeships last academic year.

Description of Project. Project description demonstrates how proposal fits the overall program design to support, expand, or develop apprenticeships. Narrative identifies applicable grant priorities: support, expansion, or development of high demand Registered Apprenticeship Programs. Description also includes a clear connection to employer partners.

WBL Opportunity Grant – Apprenticeships Core Selection Criteria

Description of Project Goals and Activities.

Project goals and activities and related execution activities are clearly articulated, thorough, and relevant.

Description of Applicant. Description of capacity to undertake project is clear and includes an account of employer or industry partners that will participate in this grant project. included.

WBL Opportunity Grant – Apprenticeships Core Selection Criteria

Project Timeline. Project timeline clearly indicates project activities, estimated duration and estimated completion and is aligned with the project description. Timeline entries seem reasonable and achievable. Timeline also aligns with semester schedules through summer 2022. *Note: Semester structures do not have to be 16-weeks; 12-weeks, 8-weeks, etc. is acceptable.*

Allocation of Funds to Project Goals. Project budget maximizes the impact of available funds and limits or excludes direct administrative costs and indirect costs to administer the grant.

WBL Opportunity Grant – Apprenticeships Selection Criteria

WBL Opportunity Grant – Apprenticeships Evaluation Criteria

Application Section	Application Elements	Max. Points
4.1.a	Description of Project	5
4.1.b	Identification of Grant Priorities	5
4.1.b	Clear Connection of Employer Partners	5
4.1.c	Description of Project Goals and Activities	5
4.2	Description of Applicant	5
5.0	Project Timeline	5
Budget Form	Allocation of Funds to Project Goals	5
	Total Points Possible	35

Application Outline

- 1) Certification
- 2) Contact Information
- 3) Requested Grant Amount
- 4) Project Description
 1. Project Summary
 - a. Describe existing apprenticeship infrastructure
 - b. Identify grant priorities and employer connections
 - c. Goals and activities
 2. Description of Applicant
- 5) Project Timeline
- 6) Budget Request Form
- 7) Federal Certification Forms

Questions

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