

2018 Workforce Education & Training Grants Applications are Available



RFI FOR WORKFORCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING FUNDS

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The Vermont Department of Labor has annually received an allocation from the Vermont Legislature to provide funding for Workforce Education and Training Fund (WETF) grants, which are intended to support training that will improve the occupational skills of Vermont workers who are unemployed, under-employed or at risk of becoming unemployed due to changing workplace skill requirements. Funding may be used for the following purposes:

1. Training for Vermonters, including those who are unemployed, underemployed, at risk of being unemployed, or when a transition from one job or career to another is necessary;
2. Creating jobs;
3. Apprenticeships, pre-apprenticeships, industry-recognized credentials, and work-based learning;
4. Other workforce development initiatives related to current and future job opportunities in Vermont as determined by the Commissioner of Labor;
5. Training that leads to guaranteed increased earnings and economic opportunity for employees.

Eligible applicants include employers, and public and private training providers **in collaboration with employers**. Activities under this program can include occupational skill training/education, which may include soft skills or work readiness components that are woven into the training curriculum. Preference may be given to projects that train for new or vacant jobs. Projects may also train incumbent workers for promotion or upgrades or workers who would otherwise be laid off or have their work hours reduced.

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To receive an application packet, please contact Sally Redpath at sally.redpath@vermont.gov or by phone: 802-828-4394.

Terms and Conditions

As a public sector organization, the Vermont Department of Labor (VDOL) is generally required to solicit formal bids through an RFI process.