

# CORRECTED: U.S. Department of Labor Awards More Than \$81 Million In Grants to Expand Registered Apprenticeship in 42 States and Territories

**WASHINGTON, DC** – The U.S. Department of Labor awarded \$81,046,170 in grants intended to support activities that improve states’ ability to serve, improve and expand the Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) model by strengthening the national apprenticeship system, promoting system alignment and partnership, and improving data sharing and data integrity.

The “Building State Capacity to Expand Apprenticeship through Innovation” grants support statewide RAP expansion through a two-tiered funding system that provides states with maximum flexibility to address local apprenticeship needs while enhancing the focus on employer engagement, performance, and positive outcomes for apprentices. Administered by the Department’s Employment and Training Administration (ETA), the Department awarded grants to 42 states and U.S. territories.

“Registered Apprenticeship Programs provide workers with the right skills needed in today’s labor market and can have a positive impact in fixing the skills gap that employers face,” said Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training John Pallasch. “This will be a great opportunity for young people who want to combine on-the-job training with relevant classroom education, while getting paid at the same time.”

“We thought it necessary to reward states who have demonstrated excellent performance in one of the Department’s key policy objectives,” Pallasch added. “The Department believes positive outcomes for those we serve must carry more weight as we look to award funding.”

The Department awarded funds to states and U.S. territories that applied for Tier I funding to help support the programs’ goals. In addition to Tier I funding, 12 states received additional funds under Tier II, ranging from \$3 million to \$9 million, based on the number and quality of Tier II applications received, as well as strong evidence of past performance in expanding RAPs; other factors included geographic, industry and Tier II goal distribution. With these additional funds, the selected states will go above-and-beyond supporting the state’s basic Registered Apprenticeship structures in the state. These activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Expanding registered apprenticeships in healthcare, mental health care, addiction treatment, or alternative pain management occupations providing support to individuals living in rural areas;

- Incorporating specific strategies to support or expand Registered Apprenticeship opportunities among all workers, including women, minorities, veterans, individuals with disabilities, and individuals with a criminal record;
- Supporting system alignment and partnership through the establishment or expansion of the role of the business service representatives/apprenticeship navigators with the promotion of apprenticeship to partner systems;
- Developing innovative technical assistance strategies/approaches for Registered Apprenticeship sponsors;
- Establishing an employer incentive plan to expand or scale Registered Apprenticeships;
- Identifying specific strategies to support engagement with small businesses in nontraditional industries in Registered Apprenticeships; and
- Launching or expanding sector strategies to expand RAPs to new industries and/or new or non-traditional occupations in existing sectors.

Learn more about how states can apply for funding. Visit [www.apprenticeship.gov](http://www.apprenticeship.gov) to learn more about the department’s broader efforts to connect career seekers with apprenticeship opportunities and to expand apprenticeship into new sectors and industries.

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The Department awarded grants to the following recipients:

States/Territories	Tier 1 Funding	Tier 2 Funding
Alabama Department of Commerce	\$450,000	
State of Arkansas	\$450,000	
Arizona Department of Economic Security	\$450,000	

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California Department of Industrial Relations	\$450,000	
Colorado Department of Labor & Employment	\$450,000	
District of Columbia Department of Employment Services	\$450,000	
State of Delaware	\$450,000	
Florida Department of Education	\$450,000	
Government of Guam, Department of Administration	\$300,000	
Iowa Workforce Development	\$450,000	\$3,000,000
Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity	\$450,000	
Indiana Department of Workforce Development	\$450,000	
Kansas Department of Commerce	\$449,600	

<b>States/Territories</b>	<b>Tier 1 Funding</b>	<b>Tier 2 Funding</b>
Kentucky Office of Employment and Training	\$450,000	
Louisiana Workforce Commission	\$450,000	\$3,000,000
Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development	\$450,000	\$3,000,000
Maryland Department of Labor	\$450,000	\$5,562,924
Maine Department of Labor	\$450,000	
Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity	\$449,973	\$8,997,886
State of Minnesota	\$450,000	
Missouri Department of Higher Education	\$450,000	
Mississippi Department of Employment Security	\$450,000	\$3,000,000
North Carolina Community College System	\$450,000	

States/Territories	Tier 1 Funding	Tier 2 Funding
North Dakota Department of Career and Technical Education	\$437,709	
Northern Marianas College	\$300,000	
Community College System of New Hampshire	\$450,000	\$3,000,000
Nevada Governor`s Office of Workforce Innovation	\$450,000	
New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development	\$450,000	
New York State Department of Labor	\$450,000	
Ohio Department of Job and Family Services	\$450,000	\$8,957,129
Oklahoma Department of Commerce	\$450,000	
Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission	\$450,000	
Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry	\$450,000	

States/Territories	Tier 1 Funding	Tier 2 Funding
Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training	\$450,000	
South Carolina Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education	\$450,000	\$6,541,000
South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation	\$450,000	
Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development	\$449,949	
Texas Workforce Commission	\$450,000	\$9,000,000
Virgin Islands Department of Labor	\$300,000	
Vermont Department of Labor	\$450,000	
Washington Department of Labor & Industries	\$450,000	
Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development	\$450,000	\$8,550,000

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***Ed note:** This release corrects the amount awarded in Tier 2 Funding to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services from \$8,550,000 to \$8,957,129.*

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