

**U.S. Department of Labor - Women's Bureau**  
**2021 Fostering Access, Rights, and Equity (FARE) Grant Program**  
**Frequently Asked Questions**  
**June 15, 2021**

**1. What is the purpose of this grant program?**

The Fostering Access, Rights, and Equity (FARE) grant program's primary objective is to assist underserved and marginalized low-income women workers in understanding and accessing their employment rights, public services, and benefits.

**2. What types of activities may be provided with these grant funds?**

The primary purpose of these grants is to provide crucial outreach, education, and improved benefits access and grant funds must be used for:

- Outreach to vulnerable, low-income, and marginalized women workers.
- Dissemination of educational materials through varied platforms, including social media, in-person or virtual events, brochures and leaflets, one-on-one consultations, and other outreach.
- Benefits navigator and benefits calculator services.
- Connecting and referring women workers to additional services, benefits, and/or legal assistance as needed, reasonable, and/or available.
- Helping women to become focal points for rights, benefits, and assistance in their own communities (i.e., a train-the-trainer model for navigation).

**3. Who are eligible program beneficiaries under this grant?**

The intent of this grant is to fund projects that will benefit and assist working women, with a particular focus on low-paid, underserved, and marginalized women workers in female-dominated sectors hard-hit by the pandemic.

**4. Who is eligible to receive a grant?**

State Governments, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands are eligible to apply for these grants. Governors may designate one state or territory agency, which will partner with community-based and non-profit organizations, including worker groups and unions.

**5. What is the amount of grant funding an applicant may apply for?**

An applicant may apply for a grant of \$250,000 to \$350,000.

**6. What application materials are required?**

The grantee should check the Funding Opportunity Announcement for specific information on how to apply. Applications submitted in response to this Funding Opportunity Announcement generally include four separate and distinct parts:

- a. Form SF-424 (“Application for Federal Assistance”);
- b. Project Budget;
- c. Project Narrative; and
- d. Attachments to the Project Narrative.

**7. When are the applications due?**

Applications are due on July 15, 2021, no later than 4:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) and must be submitted electronically. This is a firm deadline. Applications received after this deadline will not be considered.

**8. Can we forward required application information separately from our official application submission?**

Information should not be forwarded outside of the official application submission. Information received outside of the official application submission will not be included in or considered during the review process.

**9. Where can I find answers to general FAQs about federal grant applications?**

The Department’s Employment and Training Administration has a webpage that contains helpful information about application submission and responsiveness requirements. This webpage is available at: <https://www.doleta.gov/grants/>.

In addition, the federal government’s [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) website provides many useful resources for federal grant applicants--including registration instructions, application tracking, applicant tools and tips, and FAQs. These resources are available at: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/learn-grants.html>.

**10. Who can I contact for further questions about the 2021 FARE Funding Opportunity Announcement?**

For further information about this FOA, please contact Andrea Hill, Grants Management Specialist, Office of Grants Management, at (202) 693-3542. Applicants should e-mail all technical questions to [Hill.Andrea@dol.gov](mailto:Hill.Andrea@dol.gov) and must specifically reference FOA-WB-21-02, and along with question(s), include a contact name, fax, and phone number.