

The U.S. Department of Labor wants to make communities aware of three new grant opportunities totaling \$193.2 million, being announced by the Department of Labor as open for application:

- 1) \$125 million in Community-Based Job Training grants
- 2) \$1.2 million in Trade Adjustment Assistance grants
- 3) \$67 million in Indian and Native American Employment and Training Program grants

The Solicitation for Grant Application (SGA) for each grant is published in the Federal Register and you will find links to each SGA here: http://www.doleta.gov/grants/find_grants.cfm (Please note Community-Based Job Training SGA and the Trade Adjustment Assistance SGA will be posted Monday). These SGAs provide the information and instructions that your constituents need to apply for these grants. We have also provided descriptions of each SGA below. Please note that a pre-recorded Webinar on the CBJT grant only will be on-line (<http://www.workforce3one.org>) and accessible for viewing on April 6, 2010, and will be available for viewing anytime after that date. While a review of this Webinar is encouraged it is not mandatory that applicants view this recording.

For more information, visit the Department of Labor's new online suite of resources for grant applicants at http://www.workforce3one.org/page/grants_toolkit. Created by the Department's Employment and Training Administration (ETA), the new site will introduce potential grantees to ETA grants and provide examples to guide people through the process of applying.

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Community-Based Job Training Grants

Total Amount of Grant Funding Available: \$125 million

Size of Awards: It is anticipated that awards will range generally from \$1 million to \$3 million. The exception is that applicants that include three or more community, technical, or tribal colleges will be considered "consortium applications," and may request an award ranging from \$1 million to \$5 million. ETA expects to allot up to \$50 million of the total designated funds to organizations that have never received a grant through a CBJT grant.

Deadline for Application: The closing date will be specified in the SGA, slated to be published in the Federal Register on Monday, March 15th

SGA Details: CBJT grants will be awarded through a competitive process to support workforce training for high-growth/high-demand industries through the national system of community, technical, and tribal colleges. A wide range of industries may be considered high-growth/high industries in local and regional areas around the country, such as health care, transportation, and advanced manufacturing. ETA encourages applicants to consider targeting high growth or emerging green industries. In order to be eligible for consideration under this solicitation, the applicant must be either:

- (1) An individual Community or Technical College, such as a public community college, a nonprofit community college, a tribally controlled college, or a tribally controlled university;
- (2) A Community College District;
- (3) A State Community College System;
- (4) a One-Stop Career Center in partnership with its Local Workforce Investment Board, that specifies one or more community or technical colleges where education/training activities will occur; or

(5) An applicant proposing to serve an educationally underserved community without access to community or technical colleges

Applicants must propose projects that primarily focus on providing services to workers in one or more of the following three targeted categories: unemployed workers (this can include the long-term unemployed), dislocated workers, and incumbent workers. Within these categories, grantees may serve a wide range of individuals, such as individuals receiving public assistance, high school dropouts, individuals with disabilities, veterans, Indian and Native Americans, and individuals with Limited English Proficiency. The SGA requires that applicants partner with Local Workforce Investment Boards and their One Stop systems, Employers and/or Labor-management Organizations, and Labor Organizations (if applicants propose to partner with employers that have a formal collective bargaining/employment agreement with a labor union or labor related-organization). ETA strongly encourages applicants to include other partners to further assist the project.

Trade Adjustment Assistance Grants

Total Amount of Grant Funding Available: \$1.2 million

Size of Awards: ETA has approximately \$1.2 million available under this competition and expects to fund approximately one to four grants. Individual grant amounts will not exceed \$1.2 million. Any grant application with a proposed value greater than \$1.2 million will be deemed non-responsive and will not be considered.

Deadline for Application: The closing date will be specified in the SGA, slated to be published in the Federal Register on Monday, March 15th

SGA Details: Proposed projects must be developed and implemented through strategic partnerships. Eligibility is restricted to the following types of entities under this solicitation: National Employer Associations; National Labor Union Organizations; Other Labor Union Affiliates; Non-profit Organizations and National Associations with connections to the TAA program or trade-affected workers. Grantees will develop and propose outcomes and measures by which to determine the success of the grantee's efforts and report on any "best practices" developed or lessons learned as a result of the grant project. Best practices must be replicable and serve as a model for the TAA program and similar programs for dislocated workers such as WIA.

Indian and Native American Employment and Training Program Grants

Total Amount of Grant Funding Available: \$67 million (Of the \$67 million, approximately \$53 million is available to fund a Comprehensive Service Program for adults and approximately \$14 million is available for a Supplemental Services Program for youth)

Size of Awards: Awards under the Comprehensive Service Program are anticipated to range from approximately \$16,000 to \$5.8 million each. Awards under the Supplemental Services Program are anticipated to range from approximately \$1,073 to \$3.1 million. The period of grant performance for these awards will be two years.

Deadline for Application: Monday, April 12 at 4:00 p.m. EST

SGA Details: The adult program will provide quality employment and training services that prepare Native Americans to gain employment in today's competitive workforce. Program participants will include unemployed, underemployed and low-income Indian, Alaska Native, and

Native Hawaiian individuals. The youth program will offer summer and year-round employment and training activities for American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian youth between the ages of 14 and 21. Program resources are targeted to at-risk individuals who face substantial barriers to educational and employment success. This population includes high school dropouts and youth who are in need of basic skills training.

Grants will be awarded to Indian tribes, tribal organizations, Alaska Native entities, Indian-controlled organizations serving Indians, or Native Hawaiian organizations. ETA strongly encourages eligible applicants to include other partners to further assist the project. These organizations could include, but are not limited to Local Workforce Investment Boards and their One Stop systems, the education and training community; nonprofit organizations; the Department of Labor's Office of Apprenticeship; local veterans' agencies and local veteran service organizations; and economic development organizations.