US DOL Grant Opportunities

Below are two grant opportunities newly released by the US Department of Labor this week. Many of you are coming off having submitted applications to the $250M California Career Pathway Trust and undoubtedly could use a rest. The good news is that, for those who have the energy, you are likely to find yourself better positioned to undertake complex federal applications like these from the US DOL. Good luck.

Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training Grants Program-SGA-DFA-PY-13-10

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL, or the Department), announces the availability of approximately $450 million in grant funds authorized for the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) Grant Program.

The TAACCCT program seeks to increase the number of workers who attain certificates, degrees, and other industry-recognized credentials, helping to meet President Obama's college graduation goal of increasing the percentage of adults with a post-secondary credential by 2020. The overarching goals of the program are to: (1) increase attainment of degrees, certifications, certificates, diplomas, and other industry-recognized credentials that match the skills needed by employers to better prepare workers eligible for training under the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) for Workers Program ("TAA-eligible workers") of chapter 2 of title II of the Trade Act of 1974, 19 U.S.C. 2271-2323, and other adults for high-wage, high-skill employment or re-employment in growth industry sectors; (2) introduce or replicate innovative and effective methods for designing and delivering instruction that address specific industry needs and lead to improved learning, completion, and other outcomes for TAA-eligible workers and other adults; and (3) demonstrate improved employment outcomes.

The Department intends to make grant awards to eligible single institution applicants in all states ranging from approximately $2,260,000 to $2,500,000, up to a total of approximately $150 million. Under this SGA, DOL intends to make approximately 15 to 25 grant awards to consortia of eligible institutions, up to a total of approximately $300 million in grant awards to consortium applicants. The Department will provide two tiers of funding for consortium grant awards, based on the number of institutions in the consortium.

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$100M American Apprenticeship Grants

The On April 16, 2014, the President and Vice President announced new federal investments using existing funds to support job-driven training, like apprenticeships, that will expand partnerships with industry, businesses, unions, community colleges, and training organizations to train workers in the skills they need. Employers, unions, and foundations are joining these efforts with new commitments to support job-driven training.
Expanding Apprenticeships for Good Middle Class Jobs. The Department of Labor is making $100 million in existing H-1B funds available for American Apprenticeship Grants to reward partnerships that help more workers participate in apprenticeships. This competition will help more Americans access this proven path to employment and the middle class: 87 percent of apprentices are employed after completing their programs and the average starting wage for apprenticeship graduates is over $50,000. The new American Apprenticeship Grants competition - which will be launched in the fall - will focus on partnerships between employers, labor organizations, training providers, community colleges, local and state governments, the workforce system, non-profits and faith-based organizations that:

- Launch apprenticeship models in new, high-growth fields: Many fast-growing occupations and industries with open positions, such as in information technology, high-tech services, healthcare, and advanced manufacturing, have an opportunity to adopt and adapt apprenticeship programs, to meet their skilled workforce needs.
- Align apprenticeships to pathways for further learning and career advancement: Apprenticeships that embed industry-recognized skills certifications or reward workplace learning with college credit provide an affordable educational pathway for those who need to earn while they learn, and apprenticeships linked to pre-apprenticeship programs can help more Americans access this training and get on an early pathway to a good career.
- Scale apprenticeship models that work: Across the country, there are pockets of excellence in apprenticeship, but all too often these successful models are unknown in other regions or to other employers. These grants will build from strength and invest in innovations and strategies to scale apprenticeships – including to market the value of apprenticeships, make them more attractive to women and other Americans who have been underrepresented, increase the return on investment for workers and, or build national and regional partnerships to expand apprenticeships.

See the Fact Sheet, FAQ and www.whitehouse.gov for more details.

Federal Grant Opportunities for Community Colleges

"One of the most common requests received in the Community College section of the Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education is for information about Department grant programs for which community colleges are eligible. Below is a new version of the list of those programs*. While every effort has been made to provide up-to-date program details, grant programs can change quickly and regular monitoring of the Federal Register for official notices is the best way to stay apprised of the most current information. I want to thank my assistant, Charles Browne, for compiling this list."

--Mark Mitsui, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Colleges

Community College Related Programs

* This is not an exhaustive list of applicable grants and is subject to change. Please regularly check the Federal Register for updates. Thank you.

Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education (OCTAE)

Adult Education-Basic Grants to States

Adult Education-National Leadership Activities

Vocational Education-Basic Grants to States

Career and Technical Education-Grants to Native Americans and Alaska Natives

Vocational Education National Programs

Tech Prep Education-mentioned in the Perkins Act but hasn't been appropriated since 2010
Tribally Controlled Postsecondary Career and Technical Education Program

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)
Advanced Rehabilitation Research Training Program

Federal Student Aid (FSA)
Federal Work-Study Program
Federal Pell Grant Program
Federal Perkins Loan Program
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program
Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program
Iraq-Afghanistan Service Grant Program
Direct Loan Programs (subsidized, unsubsidized, PLUS, and consolidation loans)

Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE)
Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions-Title III, Part A Programs
American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities-Title III, Part A Programs
Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions Program
Demonstration Projects to Ensure Students With Disabilities Receive a Quality Higher Education
Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions Program-Title V
Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP)
Fulbright-Hayes Group Projects Abroad Program
Hispanic-Serving Institutions-Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics and Articulation Programs
Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program
Native American-Serving Non-tribal Institutions Program
Predominantly Black Institutions Program-Competitive Grants
Fulbright-Hayes Seminars Abroad-Bilateral Projects
Title III, Part B-Strengthening Historically Black Colleges and Universities Program
Title III, Part A Programs-Strengthening Institutions
Student Support Services Program
Talent Search Program
Training Program for Federal TRIO Programs
Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program
Upward Bound Program

Upward Bound Math-Science

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