

WHAT IS SKILL UP INDIANA?

The Indiana Department of Workforce Development is providing up to \$11 million to regional partnerships via Skill UP Indiana. The grant program focuses on the implementation of strategies aimed at ensuring Indiana citizens have the skills necessary to fill the **one million jobs** projected to be available between now and 2025.

Implementation strategies may focus on:

- Designing one or more sector-focused career pathway systems;
- Developing and using a curriculum around the needed knowledge, skills, and abilities identified by a regional partnership;
- Integrating cross-economic sector competency development of employability and technical skills;
- Creating work-and-learn opportunities for youth and adult learners at multiple stages of a career pathway system; and
- Implementing innovative programming that uses prior learning assessments and competency-based education models to meet employer needs.

The DWD anticipates that regional partnerships will develop shared metrics to measure outcomes on these or other related strategies.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

An industry-led, cross-sector partnership, including small, medium, and large businesses; education entities (k-12, postsecondary, career and technical education centers, adult education programs, workforce training providers); social service providers; community based organization; workforce development partners; economic development partners; and local government units may be eligible to apply. The partnership must be in a region that encompasses a contiguous geographic area consisting of a minimum of 200,000 in population or encompass an existing economic growth region(s) as defined by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development.

FUNDING DETAILS

Up to \$11 million in total grant funding may be divided amongst grantees this fiscal year for the Skill UP Indiana grant program. A private match in the amount of 25%, in which 10% may be from in-kind contributions, of total grant funds is required.

www.in.gov/dwd/skillup.htm



OBJECTIVE

To develop Indiana's workforce for the jobs of tomorrow through industry-led regional partnerships aimed at aligning education and workforce needs and increasing the education attainment of Hoosiers.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Must be an industry-led, cross-sector partnership with a focus on a contiguous, geographic area consisting of a minimum of 200,000 in population.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Implementation of evidenced-based strategies aimed at aligning education to workforce needs and increasing education attainment.

TIMELINE

SEPTEMBER 18-30: Letter of Interest
NOVEMBER 2: Preliminary Proposal
DECEMBER 31: Application Deadline
EARLY FEBRUARY: Grants Awarded



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