



APPRENTICESHIPS BUILDING AMERICA (ABA)

Total Funding Available: \$113 MILLION

Grow And Diversify Registered Apprenticeship Programs To Build Equitable Pathways Into Good Jobs In Critical Sectors.

WHAT IT DOES

The ABA grant program builds on the Department's ongoing efforts to expand and modernize Registered Apprenticeship Programs by:

- expanding the number of programs and apprentices;
- diversifying the industries that utilize Registered Apprenticeship; and
- increasing access to, and completion of, RAPs for underrepresented populations and underserved communities.

Additionally, ABA grants will accelerate the Administration's goals for a post-pandemic economic recovery by connecting more Americans to good jobs in priority industry sectors, including industries affected by the pandemic, such as transportation, manufacturing, healthcare, and other occupations and industries in the critical supply chain.

THE GRANT WILL FUND PROGRAMS IN FOUR CATEGORIES

Category 1: state apprenticeship system building and modernization;

Category 2: expansion of RAP opportunities for youth;

Category 3: ensuring equitable RAP pathways through pre-apprenticeship leading to RAP enrollment and equity partnerships; and

Category 4: registered apprenticeship hubs.

Across all four grant categories, grant applications will incorporate cross-cutting principles that support the Administration's goal to ensure good jobs for all Americans. These cross-cutting priorities are also included in the scoring criteria to ensure integration in the applicant's proposed program design.

THESE INCLUDE

- Equity;
- Job Quality;
- Support for high-quality, sustainable programs;
- Evidence-based approaches; and
- New opportunities for innovation, engagement, and ease of access.

WHO IT SERVES (Target Population)

- Workforce and apprenticeship intermediaries, industry groups and associations, consortia
- Youth and Young Adults
- Women
- Workers with Disabilities

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- Veterans
- Reentry, Previously Incarcerated Workers
- Underserved Communities

WHO CAN APPLY

- Labor organizations / unions
- City, county, or township governments
- Native American Tribal organizations
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- State governments
- State and Local Workforce Boards
- Nonprofit entities
- For-profit organizations other than small businesses
- Private institutions of higher education
- Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
- Minority Serving Institutions, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic Serving Institutions, school districts, career technical education, alternative, private or traditional high schools
- Faith-based and community-based organizations

Please see the Funding Opportunity Announcement for specific requirements on eligibility

HOW TO APPLY?

- Please apply through the Funding Opportunity Announcement Application posted on [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)

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