

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Track A

New and expanding accelerated, non-degree training programs that prepare trainees for new jobs.

Funding available: Up to \$200,000 with a dollar-for-dollar match throughout the lifetime of the grant program (not for incumbent workers).

Track B

Internal upskilling opportunities for incumbent workers to promote movement and advancement throughout the organization, create more comprehensive onboarding and new worker training programs, and/or provide safety training for employees.

Funding available: Up to \$100,000 with a dollar-for-dollar match throughout the lifetime of the grant program.

Track C

Support workforce automation enhancement including but not limited to training and/or upskilling existing employees related to automation that has been implemented prior to the funding period; or to new or enhanced strategies, not to include the actual purchase of automation equipment.

Funding available: Up to \$200,000 for training and/or upskilling existing workforce related to automation.; or up to \$100,000 for a feasibility study, related to automation.



BACKGROUND

The Technical Skills Training Grant was first developed in 2020 in response to the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The program supported new and expanding accelerated skilled workforce training programs for displaced workers. The Technical Skills Training Grant program aims to offset the cost for program providers and employers in their effort to support the development of highly trained skilled workers to meet the demands of our labor market. Since the initial launch of this program, the following legislative assemblies provided additional funding to keep the program operational. Please visit ndgov.link/TSTG for more information.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVE

The Technical Skills Training Grant is designed to support eligible training providers and employers in their efforts to design and launch rapid, non-degree re-skilling and upskilling programs (with occupations listed on the [In-Demand Occupations List](#)), or expand capacity in existing programs that began after May 17, 2021. All tracks require a 1:1 match.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

North Dakota colleges and universities, businesses, non-profit organizations, city/county municipals, and/or trades organizations/associations in North Dakota. *Note: Degree programs are not eligible for funding under this grant.*

Additional Eligibility

- Applicants must be registered and in good standing with the North Dakota Secretary of State's office.
- Training must take place in North Dakota.
- Majority of program participants must reside and intend to work in North Dakota.
- If tuition or training costs are part of the proposed application, the applicant may not pay those funds directly to the individuals receiving the education or training; the funds must be paid to the organization providing the education or training.
- Jobs for which workers are being trained must be on the In-Demand Occupations List.