BACKGROUND & PURPOSE

- Created with $15M in ARPA funds
- Empower locally led solutions
- Prioritize sustainability
- Foster collaboration
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MATCH

- Applicants must provide a 25% match of overall project budget
  - 4:1
• Up-skilling and/or re-skilling initiatives for *in-demand jobs*
• Infrastructure investments that directly contribute to expanding access to job training, employment opportunities and workforce support
• Investments in childcare or related supportive services to assist employees in accessing new training opportunities and/or expanding and supporting participation in the labor force
PROJECT CATEGORIES

- Providing career counseling or coaching services that aid in employees in pursuing new training and employment opportunities
- Capital investments, capital purchases for new or renovated space to support the applicant’s proposed program
• Talent attraction for the following industries: manufacturing, healthcare, energy, tourism, and hospitality.
  • Applicants must identify the direct connection to aiding in pandemic recovery and proposing a solution to a problem caused or exacerbated by the pandemic.

• Housing projects to address homelessness or the housing needs of low-income individuals and families. Housing projects must demonstrate the most productive and most effective use of the funds and impact the most people possible.
ELIGIBILITY

• Eligible Applicants
  • Economic Development Organizations
  • Cities (must be incorporated)
  • Chambers of Commerce
  • Job Development Authorities
  • Regional Councils
  • Other organizations addressing local or regional economic development needs

• General Eligibility Notes
  • Projects must take place in North Dakota
  • Program participants must reside in North Dakota
INELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Individuals
- Institutions of postsecondary education
- School districts and private schools
- Businesses
- Political organizations including:
  - political parties
  - campaign committees for candidates for federal, state, or local office; political action committees
APPLICATION

• Project Description
  • Project Needs Statement (20 Points)
  • Project Description and Implementation (20 points)
  • Partnership and Collaborations (20 points)
  • Applicant Capability and Staffing (10 points)
  • Outlook and Project Sustainability (10 points)

• Budget Proposal and Narrative (20 points)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

• Project Need
  • Identify the workforce challenge(s) facing your region and connection to pandemic
  • Identify who is impacted by the challenge(s)
  • Identify metrics to determine success of proposed project(s)
  • Provide data to support project need

• Innovative Approach
  • How does this project provide an innovative solution to minimize your region’s workforce challenges?
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

• Project Description
  • Explain how project implements a long-term solution to permanently mitigate/remove workforce participation issue
  • *Training programs have specific application criteria (see p. 6-7)

• Implementation
  • Describe activities and outcomes of project, include timeline
  • New projects and existing projects starting on or after May 17, 2021
  • Grant must be spent by June 15, 2023
PARTNERSHIPS & COLLABORATION

- Describe partners involved including role in project
- Identify fiscal agent

APPLICANT CAPABILITY & STAFFING

- Describe lead organization’s experience in managing grants
- Identify who will be responsible for grant management activities
- Explain experience working with regional WF and Econ Dev stakeholders

OUTLOOK & PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY

- Be specific—how will project be sustained (note financial and human resources needed)
- Note if this is intended to be a one-time expense
• Budget Narrative
  • Identify total project cost, grant funds requested, match obtained and/or pending
  • Description of match & connection of match provider(s) to the project
• Budget Breakout
  • Line- item budget including grant expenses at match
BUDGET PROPOSAL

- Eligible Grant Expenses (see guidance for complete list)
  - Technology, including hardware, software, digital subscriptions during the timeframe of the grant
  - Childcare assistance provided directly to a facility on an individual’s behalf, except for WIOA participants
  - Career counseling and coaching services
  - Capital investments (must demonstrate alignment with pandemic impact)
  - Project-related marketing
  - Infrastructure supplies and materials (must demonstrate alignment with pandemic impact)
• Ineligible Grant Expenses *(see guidance for complete list)*
  - Current and future operation expenses (including but not limited to salary/fringe, organizational operations, and indirect costs)
    - *Note: This grant cannot supplant an existing budget.*
  - Spec housing projects
  - Direct administration rate for grant
  - Fees incurred preparing and submitting an application
  - Taxes, except sales taxes on eligible expenses
  - Programs that propose work stipends or wage subsidies
  - Rental assistance
  - Other uses ineligible under the ARPA Rules and Regulations
  - Direct payment to individuals
MATCH REQUIREMENTS

• Applicants must provide a 1:4 match, totaling 25% of overall cost
• Match collected and/or applied prior to May 17, 2021 will not be eligible
• Match source
  • Private sector
  • State & federal funds may qualify if fund source allows
  • Equipment/supply donation or discount
  • In-kind
APPLICATION PROCESS

• Deadline: July 30, 2022
• 1 application per region
  • Each application can include multiple projects; must provide a complete proposal for each
• Submit via application portal at https://ndgov.link/RWIP
• Read ARPA Guidelines
• In addition to new projects, existing projects that began after May 17, 2021 may qualify for this grant; however, grant funds cannot supplant an existing budget. Grant funds must be spent by June 15, 2023.
25% of the total award will be disbursed upon execution of the contract.

25% upon reporting and documentation by the awardee showing 75% expenditures of the initial payment.

Remainder of funds will be provided upon report and documentation after the first milestone described in the application has been met.
NEXT STEPS

• For Commerce
  ▪ Develop FAQ; will post on Commerce website
  ▪ Hire grant administrator

• For Regional Partners
  ▪ Read the grant guidance & ARPA guidelines
  ▪ Identify and meet with regional partners
  ▪ Identify lead POC
QUESTIONS
Submit in chat or email Kerri Kraft • kkraft@nd.gov
NORTH Dakota

Be Legendary.