



Public Sector Apprenticeship Innovation Fund

OVERVIEW

In June 2023, the Maryland Department of Labor (MD Labor) received a State Apprenticeship Expansion Formula grant award from the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration. Part of MD Labor's project concept includes \$3,000,000 to establish the **Public Sector Apprenticeship Innovation Fund**, a grantmaking initiative to support the growth of Registered Apprenticeships within government entities across Maryland. Using the "earn and learn" model, the purposes of **the Fund** are to bolster the State's public sector workforce, develop and retain talent, and connect Marylanders to good paying careers.

WHAT COSTS WILL THE FUND COVER?

Eligible entities interested in developing Registered Apprenticeships for in-demand apprenticeable occupations may apply to **the Fund** to cover costs including, but not limited to:

- Staff,
- Development of curricula and training materials,
- Related Instruction for participants,
- Costs associated with On-the-Job-Learning, and
- Supportive services to address barriers to employment.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Any unit of a State, county, municipal, or local government may apply to the Fund, including entities with existing Registered Apprenticeships looking to expand offerings. MD Labor encourages collaboration among applicants and will give preference to Group Joint programs, those working with labor unions, and submissions that include School-to-Apprenticeship.

WHEN WILL MD LABOR ACCEPT APPLICATIONS AND HOW MUCH FUNDING IS AVAILABLE?

MD Labor will accept applications to this rolling, competitive grant opportunity starting on Thursday, November 16, 2023 and continuing until all funds are exhausted. The maximum request is \$600,000.

MORE INFORMATION

- To apply, please use the solicitation available here: labor.maryland.gov/employment/appr/apprgrants.shtml.
- Additional details about **the Fund** are available in the project policy available on MD Labor's website: labor.maryland.gov/employment/mpi/.
- Please direct questions to MD Labor's Apprenticeship and Training Program at info@mdapprenticeship.com.

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