

## Maryland Works for Wind Pre-Proposal Conference Questions & Answers

**Question:** What is the deadline for submitting the Intent to Apply?

**Answer:** There is no deadline to submit an Intent to Apply.

**Question:** Are we allowed to build administrative fees into the grant budget?

**Answer:** Yes, administrative and overhead costs are allowed but must be within the organization's Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA) and provide a basis for calculations. If your organization does not have a NICRA, up to 10% of the budget may include administrative costs.

**Question:** Can you define what a subrecipient is?

**Answer:** A subrecipient means an entity that receives a subaward from the Lead Applicant to carry out part of the award. A subrecipient must meet the eligible entity requirements and is expected to use funds to provide training. If they are not an eligible entity for funding, the Lead Applicant must follow federal procurement guidelines to establish a contract with a contractor.

**Question:** If a program costs more than \$400,000, can we break up our proposal into multiple applications?

**Answer:** No, entities are only eligible to apply for up to \$400,000 for the Maryland Works for Wind budget.

**Question:** Can grant funds be used for training equipment?

**Answer:** Yes, equipment is an allowable cost under this grant. All equipment purchases must follow federal procurement guidelines under 2 C.F.R. 200.317 – 200.327. While equipment is an allowable cost, successful proposals will include occupational training, supportive services, and direct placement into good jobs. The cost per participant cannot exceed \$7,500 in the Maryland Works for Wind budget.

**Question:** Can you clarify whether training providers must provide job placement once training is complete?

**Answer:** Yes, successful applicants will demonstrate a clear pathway to full-time employment or advancement in positions that align with the Good Jobs principles..

**Question:** If funds are obligated by September 30, 2026, is that acceptable or must it be actually spent? For example, instructors are paid two weeks after their work.

**Answer:** Funds must be spent by September 30, 2026.

**Question:** Are we allowed to use funding from another source even if it puts the maximum cost per participant over \$7,500?



**Answer:** The maximum cost per participant of \$7,500 refers to the Maryland Works for Wind budget. Organizations are able and encouraged to leverage alternative sources of funding towards participants in excess of this amount.

**Question:** Is the skilled trades definition broad enough to include construction and electricians?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Question:** Are all employees working for a company supporting offshore wind eligible for training under this grant?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Question:** Does the employer company have to be a Maryland based company?

**Answer:** The employer company does not have to be a Maryland based company, however, the proposal should justify the selection of an out-of-state entity. Preference will be given to Maryland-based employers.

**Question:** If we are an EARN Maryland recipient, are we eligible for this funding opportunity?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Question:** Is this program similar to EARN?

**Answer:** Similar to EARN, Maryland Works for Wind is an industry-led program focused on sectoral strategies. Please refer to the presentation and application for more information on program specifications of Maryland Works for Wind.

**Question:** Are we allowed to train incumbent workers?

**Answer:** Yes, incumbent worker training is allowable as long as the proposal details clear strategies that will lead to advancement.

**Question:** Can participants be double counted if they are receiving funding from both Maryland Works for Wind and another source?

**Answer:** For the purposes of Maryland Works for Wind, any participant that receives funding should be reported, even if other leveraged funds are also supporting the services received.

**Question:** Are we allowed to use funds for stipends?

**Answer:** It is not allowable to provide funds as cash payments to participants. Stipends may be provided to program participants as a leveraged resource.

**Question:** Public colleges typically do not register for an SDAT Certificate of Good Standing. What should I submit for this required document?

**Answer:** If you are unable to provide a required document, please include a formal explanation on your organization's letterhead explaining why within your submitted application.