**DEPARTMENT OF
LABOR AND INDUSTRY**

Supportive Services for Registered Apprentices Grant

Frequently asked questions (FAQs)

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What is the goal of this grant program?

This grant program seeks to provide supportive services to aid in the retention of new and existing registered apprentices in Minnesota. Supportive services are provided to apprentices on a case-by-case basis based on individual needs.

This grant is fully funded through a $4.7 million State Apprenticeship Expansion Formula Grant (Award # 25A60AP000057) that the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) received from the US Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration.

What is a registered apprenticeship program (RAP)?

Registered apprenticeship is a successful and innovative employee training model that can be designed to meet employers' needs to recruit, train and retain 21st century talent. From day one, an apprentice earns, learns and works for their employers as they receive structured on-the-job learning (OJL) and related classroom instruction (RI). RAPs help businesses develop highly skilled and motivated employees, reduce turnover rates, increase worker productivity and lower the cost of recruitment.

What are supportive services?

Supportive services are goods or services provided to registered apprentices to help them overcome barriers to participation in, retention in and completion of a RAP. Examples include but are not limited to transportation assistance, childcare assistance, tools and safety equipment. When provided to registered apprentices, supportive services help them successfully engage in employment and complete their training program.

Who can apply for the Supportive Services for Registered Apprentices Grant funding?

The grant program seeks proposals from existing RAPs in Minnesota in good standing with DLI, community-based organizations and other non-profit entities equipped to provide services to registered apprentices. Applicants must have capacity to track supportive services provided to each apprentice.

What is the period of performance?

The period of performance for this grant is estimated to run from April. 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

What's the process for getting grant funding?

Applications are accepted beginning Jan. 30, 2026, and are due Feb. 20, 2026. Applications will be reviewed by a committee with knowledge of the grant subject. After the review, awards will be

determined by DLI's commissioner, then applicants will be notified if they were or were not awarded grant funding.

Prior to a contract, the grant awardee will need to register in the State of Minnesota's SWIFT system for accounting purposes. That can be done even before grant awards are made. You can find information on the SWIFT website. Visit the SWIFT help desk if you have additional questions.

Prior to any grant funding, a fully executed contract must be signed.

Can grant funds be used to pay apprentice wages?

No, funds may not be used to pay apprentice wages.

Open licensing requirements

Any new course planning and curriculum developed with grant funds needs to be broadly shared. See below for Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 definition:

"Intellectual property developed under this contract must be licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 (CC BY 4.0) license, which allows subsequent users to copy, distribute, transmit, and adapt the copyrighted work and requires such users to attribute the work."

How can we register for the RFP webinar? Will the webinar be recorded?

Register for the webinar using the following link:
Supportive Services for Registered Apprentices Grant | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams

A recording will be posted on the website.

What is the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) Number? WHAT IS SWIFT

All organizations applying for federal funding must have a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI). A UEI is a unique twelve-character ID number that is used to track how the federal grant is allocated. Register for or verify a UEI number. As a sub-awardee on this grant you only need to get a UEI and not register in SAM.gov (no entity registration required). The information required for getting a UEI ID without registration is minimal, see GSAFSD Tier 0 Knowledge Base - What's the difference between only getting a Unique Entity ID (UEI) and registering your entity?.

What is Apprenticeship Minnesota?

Apprenticeship Minnesota at DLI helps employers develop and design their own RAP that provides apprentices with specific skills, training and job-related instruction tailored to the company's needs.

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