

# Supportive Services for Registered Apprentices Grant

## Funding announcement

Grant item	Description
<b>Purpose</b>	This grant seeks to provide supportive services to registered apprentices to aid in the retention of new and existing participants in registered apprenticeship programs in Minnesota.
<b>Application due date</b>	Applications are open beginning Feb. 9, 2026, and will remain open until 4 p.m., April 30, 2027, or until funds are depleted, whichever comes first. Applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-serve, basis.
<b>Period of performance</b>	From the date the contract is fully executed, for a period of up to 15 months. All funds must be spent by June 30, 2027.
<b>Eligible applicants</b>	Registered apprenticeship programs in Minnesota in good standing with the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry.
<b>Allowable grant activities include</b>	<p>Supportive services reduce barriers to employment for participants and increase their success and retention within registered apprenticeship programs. Supportive services are provided to registered apprentices in Minnesota on a case-by-case basis based on individual needs.</p> <p>Supportive services are the only allowable grant expenditure for this funding opportunity and include but are not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uniforms, tools and safety equipment</li> <li>• Transportation assistance</li> <li>• Test fees related to apprenticeship placement/completion</li> <li>• Childcare (licensed providers)</li> <li>• First-time union fees</li> <li>• Basic skills preparation</li> <li>• Other supportive services (e.g., emergency assistance, car repair, rental assistance); requires DLI approval</li> </ul>
<b>Submit application and questions to</b>	<p>Questions may be submitted by email.</p> <p>Contact: Mahdi Surosh            Email: mahdi.surosh@state.mn.us            Phone: 651-284-5085</p> <p>If needed, our agency has access to Language Line, a free language translation service for limited-English speakers. Contact us at 651-284-5005 or 800-342-5354 and we will get in touch with an interpreter.</p>

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<b>Application review</b>	Applications will be reviewed by DLI staff to ensure applicants are registered apprenticeship programs in Minnesota in good standing with DLI and the requested costs are allowable grant activities.
<b>Notification of award</b>	Applicant awards will be announced approximately two weeks after submission.
<b>All application documents can be found at</b>	<a href="http://dli.mn.gov/business/workforce/supportive-services-registered-apprentices-grant">The grant webpage.</a> (dli.mn.gov/business/workforce/supportive-services-registered-apprentices-grant)