

The Workforce Development Training Fund (WDTF) is a unique Wyoming-based program connecting employers with professional development opportunities to increase employee skill attainment. Grant Options include: Business Training Grants, Pre-Hiring Economic Development Grants, Pre-Obligation Grants and Apprenticeship Grants.

Business Training Grants

- Available to businesses operating in Wyoming;
- Must be registered with the Wyoming Secretary of State's Office, Unemployment Insurance, Workers' Compensation, and Wyoming@Work;
- Applications are competitive and processed on a monthly basis;
- Prioritization is currently on a first-come-first serve basis until the monthly funding allotment is exhausted;
- New database under construction! Once launched, it will enhance program efficiency and support program changes to include:
 - o Reimbursement funding model,
 - Prioritization based on preferred industries as identified by the Wyoming Workforce Development Council,
 - Allowable reimbursement expenses related to training will no longer allow lodging or meals,
 - o Applications without training fees will not be considered; and
 - o Funding limits of:
 - \$1,000/trainee/state fiscal year
 - \$1,500/trainee/state fiscal year for preferred industries,
 - \$10K/business/month, and
 - \$50K/business/state fiscal year.

Pre-Hire Economic Development Grants

- Applications are completed through a partnering of four entities that contribute separate needs or services to the program:
 - o A training entity that can deliver the identified training the business(es) requires;
 - A business, group of businesses or an industry with a need for workers with specified skill;
 - o The local or regional economic development entity; and
 - The local Workforce Center, which will assist in the recruitment of potential skilled workers, along with placement of trainees upon training completion.

Pre-Obligation Grants

- Available to economic development entities to incentivize business recruitment and expansion;
- Blends Pre-Hire Economic Development Grants with Business Training Grants; and
- Pre-obligates funding and bypasses monthly competitive award process.

Apprenticeship Grants

- Available to US Department of Labor registered apprenticeship programs only; and
- Only the formal related-instruction component of apprenticeship programs are eligible for funding consideration.