Abstract

State Apprenticeship Expansion Formula Funding Opportunity

Lead Applicant/ Organization Name (Base Funding):

Maine Department of Labor (MDOL)

Lead Applicant Entity Type: State Apprenticeship Agency, MDOL Bureau of Employment Services

Lead Applicant City and State: Augusta, Maine

Funding Option: Base Funding

Project Title: Maine SAEF 2024 Grant **Funding Amount Requested:** \$416,623.00

Total Number of apprentices enrolled in RAPs during the life of the grant, if applicable: n/a

Population(s) to be Served:

Maine businesses and residents statewide, with a particular emphasis on underrepresented populations in the Maine Apprenticeship Program – women, people with disabilities, BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) communities, and justice involved individuals

List the name of the **Required Partner** (for states with federally-recognized SAAs):

Maine Department of Labor – Maine Apprenticeship Program, State Approving Agency

List the name(s) of **Optional Partners**, as applicable: n/a

Targeted Industry(ies) and/or Occupation(s):

Healthcare, Infrastructure (including Clean Energy and Trades), Education and Childcare, Manufacturing, Civic Sector, Information Technology, Financial Sector (Banking) and Aquaculture Summary of program **activities**:

- 1. Allocating a portion of the requested grant funds to sustain 1.5 Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs) for the Maine Apprenticeship Program, enhancing its integration statewide with MDOL's education and workforce partners.
- 2. Establishing a contract with a pre-approved event planner, vetted by Maine's procurement department, to organize the inaugural Maine Apprenticeship Program Summit in spring 2025, coinciding with National Youth Apprenticeship Week.
- 3. Leveraging SAEF-2024 funding alongside existing federal and state resources to support the creation of pre-apprenticeship/career academies. This involves collaborating with sponsors/employers and education providers to develop these initiatives.

Subrecipient Roles:

Contractor for MAP Summit: Grant funds will be utilized to engage an event planner to facilitate the organization of the Summit. This includes securing an appropriate venue, establishing a digital presence, and ticketing system, and managing logistical aspects such as attendance, audiovisual setup, seating arrangements, catering, and other conference-related activities. Maine Apprenticeship Program personnel will collaborate with apprenticeship sponsors and partners to develop session topics.

Contracts for Developing Pre-Apprenticeship Career Academies aim to expand opportunities for underrepresented workers to participate in certified pre-apprenticeship and registered apprenticeship programs.

List of **credential(s)** to be awarded: n/a

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