

Abstract

Energizing, Building, and Connecting through Apprenticeships

State Apprenticeship Expansion Formula – Round 2 (SAEF2) Competitive Funding Opportunity
Lead Applicant/Organization Name (Base Funding): New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions
Lead Applicant Entity Type: State Government (State Apprenticeship Agency)
Lead Applicant City and State: Albuquerque, New Mexico
Funding Option: SAFE2 – Competitive Funding
Project Title: <i>Energizing, Building, and Connecting through Apprenticeships</i>
Funding Amount Requested: \$5,949,885
Total Number of Apprentices enrolled in RAP’s during the life of the grant, if applicable: 344 apprentices; 425 pre-apprentices (525 enrollees total)
Population(s) to be Served: Underserved communities (Veterans, justice-impacted individuals, youth, and individuals in rural communities) and underrepresented populations (women, BIPOC, individuals with disabilities).
List the name of the Required Partner: <i>(for states with federally recognized SAAs)</i> The NMDWS is the State Apprenticeship Agency for New Mexico.
List the name(s) of Optional Partners, as applicable: The list of partners for this Program include existing RAPs; labor unions including, but not limited to, the New Mexico Building and Construction Trades Council; the New Mexico Department of Veterans Affairs; Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Programs under Titles I-IV, including

local workforce development boards (Title I); Higher Education Department Division of Adult Education (Title II); and the New Mexico Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and Commission for the Blind (Title IV); the New Mexico Department of Corrections; the New Mexico Economic Development; the New Mexico Job Corps; the New Mexico Office of African American Affairs; the New Mexico Public Education Department; the New Mexico Department of Higher Education; the New Mexico Workforce Connection Offices; the New Mexico Youth Challenge Academy Nonprofit; the Northern New Mexico Work-Based Learning; pre-apprenticeship programs; Project ECHO; tribal workforce programs; educational institutions; coalitions across the State; community organizations; employers; industry associations; municipalities and counties in the state; State licensing agencies; U.S. DOL Intermediaries; and the Veterans Administration.

Target Industries and/or Occupation(s): The target industries of this Program include infrastructure (including federal investments); clean energy transition and broadband expansion; and associated building trades. Targeted occupations of this Program include HVAC/R technicians, electricians, carpenters, laborers, operating engineers, pipefitters, insulators, mechanics, cement masons, iron workers, sheet metal workers, utility workers, telecommunications, fiber optics specialists, and splicers.

Summary of program activities: The *Energizing, Building, and Connecting through Apprenticeship* Program will have four components: (1) recruiting pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship applicants to both the Program and directly into RAPs, (2) enrolling and supporting pre-apprentices in pre-apprenticeship (PA) programs in the target industries and facilitating their progression to a RAP, (3) identifying partners to create new or expanded PAs and RAPs specific to the goals of this program, and (4) working with employers to encourage