

STATE APPRENTICESHIP EXPANSION FORMULA FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Lead Applicant / Organization Name	Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training
Lead Applicant Entity Type:	State Agency
Lead Applicant City and State:	Cranston, Rhode Island
Funding Option: Base Funding Only	
Project Title: Rhode Island State Apprenticeship Expansion Formula Funding Application	
Funding Amount Requested: \$440,301.00	
Total Number of apprentices enrolled in RAPs during the life of the grant, if applicable: Not Applicable	
Population(s) to be Served: Rhode Island job seekers, communities and businesses with a specific focus on expanding access to RA/RAP model, improving equity in implementation and enabling awareness of the RA system to drive expansion and support the broader workforce through pathways to good-quality jobs	
Required Partners:	
Department of Labor and Training	Required
State Apprenticeship Agency & Council	Required
Optional Partners:	
Building Futures, a 501(c)3 Organization	Subrecipient
Governor's Workforce Board (GWB)	State & Local WDB
Targeted Industry(ies) and/or Occupation(s): Rhode Island's focus via SAEF grant funds is to enhance the opportunity for and utilization of the Registered Apprenticeship (RA) system in the industries with the most projected demand for skilled labor: 1) Construction; 2) Healthcare/Childcare; 3) Manufacturing; 4) Green/Plant-based Industries; and 5) Business Services (e.g. information technology, finance/insurance, and professional services occupations). Each target industry has strong RA programs established. Further, SAEF base funding will continue to help support the operational public sector RAPs and those in development in addition to multiple RAPs in climate/clean energy related occupations. In the second year, alignment of resources to help support occupations required to implement President Biden's Investing in America Agenda is also an important focus. During the life of this project, RA will be further connected with community-based organizations serving underrepresented populations, become more connected with K-12, Adult Education Providers, and Institutes of Higher Education (IHEs), and more embedded within state and local workforce board activities. Rhode Island will continue to expand on its work with the justice-involved community, bringing awareness of, and opportunity to prepare currently incarcerated individuals for apprenticeship opportunities upon release.	
Summary of Program Activities: The Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training, with partnership with the state's apprenticeship intermediary, Building Futures, will continue with the next phase of program activities aimed at enhancing Rhode Island's increasingly robust RA system capacity and providing support for State Apprenticeship Agency process improvements.	

With a particular focus on diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility, the state's strategy will build stronger alignment of RA with the public workforce development system and the education system, while improving access to supports and driving Registered Apprenticeship expansion and modernization forward. Grant activities comprehensively build capacity, focus on coordination, center equity, and advance Registered Apprenticeship as a primary workforce strategy to address the state's employment challenges. .

Subrecipient Roles: Building Futures serves as RI's apprenticeship agency intermediary, with shared responsibilities for the implementation of Rhode Island's five-year RA work plan and all OA grant activities and is the private partner in the public/private partnership, Apprenticeship RI.

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