



2025 Apprenticeship Expansion Grant Program

Grantee Meeting

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Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

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- Welcome
- Grant Expectations
- Illinois workNet Navigator Tool Refresh & Review
- New feature in Illinois workNet Navigator Tool
- Q & A

Grant Expectations

- **Quarterly Reporting**

- PPR
- PFR
- Trial Balance
- Quarterly Narrative Report (QNR) – *detailed and relevant to the correct quarter*

- **Monthly Reporting Costs**

- Much like the formula WIOA funds, please post and draw monthly (*before the 20th*)
- This is especially important as we get through the **last half** of this grant
- These dollars are “use or lose” (*this isn’t necessarily bad if you cannot spend, you just need to let us know*)
- We do not expect any extensions beyond June 30



Grant Expectations – Ultimate Goal

- **Create new QUALITY Registered Apprenticeship programs**
 - Best solution is not synonymous with fastest and cheapest; does not translate into a positive ROI
- **Meaningfully expand existing Registered Apprenticeship programs**
- ***Besides offering apprenticeship as part of the BST menu of services, Tasks include:***
 - Business outreach and engagement
 - Identify and work to revise existing work process schedules that fit employers' needs
 - Advising businesses on competitive wage data (O*Net, Glassdoor, etc) for their selected program occupation(s) and assisting in the development of the progressive wage schedule
 - Identify and provide information to aid in the selection of training providers for programs in development
 - Complete the Standards Builder registration process on behalf of the employer
- ***Skills include:*** Problem Solving; Critical and Creative Thinking; Moving Beyond Hurdles; Communicating ROI



Current Activity

LWIA	Number of new businesses engaged	Number of businesses that receive incentives	Number of partners from underutilized areas that receive apprenticeship expansion support	Number of Outreach Events	Number of new Registered Apprenticeship programs developed	Number of existing Registered Apprenticeship programs expanded	Number of new Pre-apprentice Programs Developed	Number of existing Pre-Apprenticeship programs expanded
1	38	0	4	55	0	0	0	0
3	24	7	7	12	0	0	0	0
4	38	0	0	7	0	0	0	0
7	8	0	0	43	1	0	0	0
10	14	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
13	16	2	9	16	0	2	1	0
15	6	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
17	21	3	3	4	0	1	0	0
24	6	1	1	53	0	0	0	0
25	4	0	0	40	0	0	0	0
	175	13	24	233	1	3	1	0

Something's not adding up

Using Data For Grant Expectations

- Logging outreach events and employers
 - Outreach Events – were these planned events with agendas? Employers were present?
 - Employers Engaged – Should only enter if employer showed interest. Unless you’ve had a meeting specific about exploring apprenticeship, should not list them (*more than just mentioning in a general business outreach*)
 - Getting at that “true outreach events” and “meaningful engagement”
- Current data does not show the whole picture
- Need data to provide better understanding of the process
- Trends for size of business, industry, occupation
- Over time provide insight into realistic expectations



Review Illinois workNet Navigator Tool....

..... and NEW FEATURE

Illinois workNet Navigator Tool



Questions and Answers





Illinois workNet Navigator Tool Assistance

- TA Sessions with Dee Reinhardt first Wednesday of each month
- Submit a ticket
- Tutorial Videos and PDF Guides
- <https://www.illinoisworknet.com/partners/Pages/Apprenticeship.aspx>

ALL RESOURCES



App IL Partner Quick Start Guides



Partner Training Materials & Videos



Full List of Resources



Partner Tool Updates



Announcements

- NOFO – Apprenticeship Expansion NOFO
- Quarterly Reports
 - Do not copy and paste from previous QNRs – need accurate data
- Tuesday Webinars
- IWIB Work-Based Learning & Apprenticeship Committee – asked to attend quarterly meetings (zoom option available)



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