

# DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

## GRANT PROGRAMS

The Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) ensures Minnesota's work and living environments are equitable, healthy and safe. We are committed to fair and competent enforcement of the laws our agency administers and serving as a responsive and reliable resource for all Minnesotans, including employers, workers, insurers and licensees. Visit [dli.mn.gov/grants](https://dli.mn.gov/grants) for more information about DLI grants.



### CLEAN ECONOMY OCCUPATIONS GRANT

Funding supports registered apprenticeship programs to upgrade their capacity to train registered apprentices and upskill incumbent workers in clean economy occupations.

- Qualifying applicants: Apprenticeship programs registered with the state of Minnesota.
- Application date: Applications accepted on a continual basis until all funds are awarded.



### DUAL TRAINING GRANT

Minnesota Dual-Training Pipeline partners with the Minnesota Office of Higher Education (OHE) to support and promote the Dual Training Grant managed by OHE. The grant is for employers to train employees in an occupation within the industries of advanced manufacturing, agriculture, child care, health care services, information technology, the legal cannabis industry and transportation.

- Qualifying applicants: An employer or organization of employers that include for-profit business entities, non-profit organizations, political subdivisions, state agencies and Tribal Nations. There may be a separate funding source each year explicitly for legal cannabis industry businesses with more details to come from OHE in spring of 2025.
- Application date: Request for proposals published in March with another special pool of funding for the legal cannabis industry likely to be announced in spring 2025.



### ERGONOMIC SAFETY GRANT

Funding to support the implementation of ergonomic improvements in healthcare facilities, warehouse distribution centers and meatpacking worksites. The Ergonomic Safety Grant Program awards matching funds up to \$10,000 to qualifying employers for projects designed to reduce the risk of musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs).

- Qualifying applicants: Healthcare facilities defined as a hospital with a North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) code of 622110, 622210, 622310; outpatient surgical centers with a NAICS code of 621493; or a nursing home with a NAICS code of 623110. Warehouse distribution centers defined as an employer with 100 or more employees in Minnesota with a NAICS code of 493110, 423110 to 423990, 424110 to 424990, 454110 or 492110. Meatpacking worksites defined as an employer with 100 or more employees in Minnesota with a NAICS code of 311611, 311612, 311614 or 311615. See webpage for additional applicant and project conditions.
- Application date: Every other month.



## LABOR EDUCATION ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM GRANT

Funding to community-based organizations to introduce, support and place people of color, Indigenous people and women participants in registered apprenticeship programs.

- Qualifying applicants: Community-based and nonprofit organizations; Tribal Nations.
- Application date: Request for proposals published in late fall or early spring; funding available in summer.



## SAFETY GRANT

Funding for employers to reduce workplace illnesses and injuries through impactful projects designed to increase safe and healthful working conditions. The Safety Grant Program awards matching funds up to \$10,000 to qualifying employers for projects designed to reduce the risk of work-related injury and illness to their employees.

- Qualifying applicants: Employers that have been in business for at least two years, have workers' compensation insurance and have had an on-site hazard survey conducted by a qualified safety professional.
- Application date: Every other month.



## YOUTH SKILLS TRAINING GRANT

Funding to support the development of partnerships between schools and employers that will provide industry-related classroom instruction and paid work experience to high school students aged 16 years and older in high-growth, high-demand, living wage occupations including advanced manufacturing, agriculture, automotive, health care and information technology. Local partnerships must include schools and employers working together to develop and implement Youth Skills Training programs.

- Qualifying applicants: High schools, community organizations and employers.
- Application date: Request for proposals is generally published in early January.

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