



FAQ - WIOA Notice No. 22-NOT-05

Question: I'm a bit confused as to if the grant period is 1 year or 5 years.

Answer: The grant period is 1 year, from July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024. However, DOL anticipates doing this each year for the next five years.

Question: The Apprenticeship Illinois meetings: How often will these be held and who will take the lead with them?

Answer: Although we have not yet planned all the necessary Apprenticeship Illinois meetings, we expect there will be meetings at the State, regional, and local levels, and the frequency for each will be dependent on the goal of the meetings.

Question: Who at DCEO will be the lead contact for the 2023 Expansion awards?

Answer: Jennifer Foil, jfoil@niu.edu, will be the point of contact for the program development of these apprenticeship expansion funds, but the OET Regional Managers will also be an important point of contact for the integrated business services teams.

Question: If we have an event, are refreshments an allowable cost?

Answer: No. Refreshments are not an allowable cost.

Question: Do we define the new employer incentives as part of funding request/grant application or is that an activity of the Apprenticeship Illinois meetings?

Answer: Yes, and Yes. As stated in the webinar (slide 42 of the presentation), you propose up to 20% of your budget for employer incentives. Additionally, the state asks for your input on developing new or modifying existing employer incentives.

Question: TPM, is this a required element to be considered for the grant?

Answer: For those who have not participated in TPM training, yes, it will be required.

Question: Is there a cost for the TPM training, and if so, is that cost allowable for Business Service Team to attend the training?

Answer: The State is working to identify the most cost-effective method of providing the training. We will provide more information as soon as it is available. We will work with grantees as part of the final budget negotiations to make sure that teams have the resources to cover the costs. At this point, applicants do not need to include these costs in the proposed budget.

Question: Are training sessions being offered by the state, and if so, any time soon? Just want to be aware so I can keep my eye out for any sessions that might come up.

Answer: Yes, they will be offered/provided by the State. However, the dates and times are TBD. We will let you know as soon as possible.

Question: Given the regional lens talked about during the webinar, are we applying for this grant as a region?



Answer: A regional approach is preferred. However, single LWIBs may apply for the grant independently of other LWIBs.

Question: How do you define 'engaged' when referring to businesses engaged?

Answer: This is a question about which the Apprenticeship Illinois Committee has had much discussion. Guidance will be provided soon.

Question: Does engaged businesses include previous customers or only new customers?

Answer: Yes, it can include previous customers, because they may be repeat customers.

Question: Is the funding range per LWIA or per Regional group?

Answer: The funding range is per LWIA.

Question: Are these funds all tied to WIOA eligibility requirements?

Answer: No. These funds are USDOL Apprenticeship USA Expansion funds, not WIOA.

Question: Would a new company added to an existing program at a local community college count as a new RAP since it's with a new company?

Answer: This appears to be an example of expanding an existing program, which is just as important as creating new RAPs.

Question: Is there a standard process whereby a RAP sponsor can have their name added to the ETPL list? That is, a process that is the same for everyone statewide?

Answer: Programs are added to the Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL), not sponsors. There is a state process for adding a RAP to the ETPL. If your program is not on the ETPL, contact your regional manager.