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Labor Seeks Applicants for New Round of Industry Grants

The Idaho Department of Labor is launching a third round of industry sector grants of up to \$250,000 each to help employers develop training solutions to fill skill gaps and address employment shortages.

Financing for the third round, not to exceed \$1 million, was approved by the Idaho Workforce Development Council during its July 13 meeting.

Qualified applicants must consist of at least three businesses / industry partners with similar occupational training needs. Before submitting an application, the industry consortium will need to partner with the Department of Labor and identify skill gaps, develop a targeted list of industry occupations that address current and projected employment needs and select a training solution.

Projects will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications will be reviewed by representatives from the Idaho Department of Labor, the Idaho Department of Commerce, the State Board of Education and the Idaho Workforce Development Council.

All partners must meet current the business requirements for receiving an Idaho Workforce Development Training Fund grant, which can be found at <http://labor.idaho.gov/dnn/idl/Businesses/TrainingResources/WorkforceDevelopmentTrainingFund.aspx>

To apply, contact one of Labor's [regional business specialists](#). For more information on the program, contact Jill Kleist at (208) 332-3570 ext. 3674 or by email at Jill.Kleist@labor.idaho.gov.

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