

# Dept. of Workforce Development: Now accepting Wisconsin Fast Forward grant applications for small businesses and construction occupations

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MADISON – Today, the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) announced the release of two new Grant Program Announcements (GPAs) for Small Business Occupations and Construction Trades and Related Occupations under Governor Walker's [Wisconsin Fast Forward](#) (WFF) initiative. The grants are intended to provide Wisconsin employers with customized worker training solutions for construction and small business workers.

Wisconsin employers and workforce partners are encouraged to submit innovative, collaborative and customized training grant applications. Grantees may be awarded up to \$50,000 to upskill workers in Small Business settings and/or up to \$400,000 to upskill workers in Construction Trades and Related Occupations.

GPA details:

## **Worker Training Grants for Wisconsin Construction Trades and Related Occupations**

**Company size:** any

**Award amount:** \$5,000 to \$400,000

**Grantee Match:** \$1 for every grant \$1 requested

**Deadline to apply:** June 30, 2017 3:00 pm

## **Worker Training Grants for Wisconsin Small Business Occupations**

**Company size:** 50 full-time employees or less

**Award amount:** \$5,000 to \$50,000

**Match:** \$0.50 for every grant \$1 requested

**Deadline to apply:** June 30, 2017 3:00 pm

Governor Walker's WFF program was approved with overwhelming bipartisan support from lawmakers in 2013 to address the skills gap through grants to employers for customized skills training to fill current job openings and ongoing skill requirements. DWD has awarded over \$18 million in WFF grant contracts to date, supporting nearly 200 worker training projects that are benefitting hundreds of businesses and thousands of trainees across the state.

The program is administered by DWD's Office of Skills Development, which has developed an effective process that enables businesses to easily apply for grants.

For more information or to learn how to apply for grants, please visit the [WFF website](#).