

Dept. of Workforce Development: Offers \$1 million in Teacher Training and Recruitment Grants

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MADISON — The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) today announced \$1 million in funding is available under the Teacher Training and Recruitment Grant program. The funding pays for costs of training and recruiting teachers in areas where teacher shortages are most prevalent in the state.

Grants are available through DWD's Expanded Wisconsin Fast Forward (WFF) program. Qualified Wisconsin nonprofit organizations can apply for up to \$250,000 to recruit, train, and license teachers to meet the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction guidelines for serving low-income and/or urban area school districts.

“By training teachers to deliver the best education to Wisconsin students, we’re expanding our workforce now and investing in the workforce of the future,” said **DWD Secretary Amy Pechacek**. “This program connects would-be educators who have a passion to teach and the students who need them the most.”

Since 2018, the WFF Teacher Training and Recruitment Grant program has provided \$3.9 million in funding to seven organizations to recruit, train, and license teachers.

Details of the program include:

- Eligible applicants: Tax exempt 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) nonprofit organizations
- Deadline to Apply: 3 p.m. CST on Thursday, March 19, 2026
- Award Amounts: Up to \$250,000

Additional details can be found in the Grant Program Announcement and related materials on the [Wisconsin Fast Forward](#) website.