



# News Release

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## **US Labor Department announces \$10.4M in grants to expand, expedite apprenticeships in 51 states and territories, and District of Columbia** *Part of \$90M in apprenticeship funds to further growth of apprenticeships nationwide*

**WASHINGTON** – The [U.S. Department of Labor](#) today announced the award of \$10.4 million in ApprenticeshipUSA State Accelerator Grants to expand and expedite registered apprenticeship programs nationwide.

The grants – awarded to 51 states and territories, and the District of Columbia – are part of \$90 million in funding announced in April to expand apprenticeship in the U.S. The recipients announced today will each receive \$200,000 to help integrate apprenticeship into their education and workforce systems; engage industry and other partners to expand apprenticeship to new sectors and new populations at scale; conduct outreach and work with employers to start new programs; promote greater inclusion and diversity in apprenticeship, and implement state incentives and system reforms.

“There is a bright future for apprenticeship in America,” said [U.S. Secretary of Labor Thomas E. Perez](#) in announcing the grants during a visit to Milwaukee Area Technical College today. “The investments that we’re making today and in the weeks and months to come are about giving apprenticeship the greater stature it deserves, helping more employers get the talent they need and helping more workers punch their ticket to the middle class.”

These grants are part of [ApprenticeshipUSA](#), the department’s coordinated effort with industry and education leaders, nonprofits, and local governments to highlight the benefits of apprenticeship and expand the use of this time-tested, earn-while-you-learn model.

In the coming weeks, the department will announce the availability of an additional \$50 million in State Expansion Grants for those looking to expand their capacity to collaborate with employers and start new apprenticeship programs across diverse industries and communities.

These investments are part of a historic bipartisan Congressional effort to appropriate funds specifically for apprenticeship for the first time, and align with President Obama’s bold challenge to [double and diversify the number of apprenticeships by 2019](#).

Apprenticeships are a proven path to high quality, secure middle-class jobs. In fact, 87 percent of apprentices are employed after completing their programs, with an average starting wage above \$50,000 per year. The return on investment for employers is substantial, as studies indicate that for every dollar spent on apprenticeship, employers receive average of \$1.47 return in increased productivity, reduced waste and greater front-line innovation.

For more information on the department’s efforts to expand apprenticeship, visit [www.dol.gov/apprenticeship](http://www.dol.gov/apprenticeship).

A list of grant recipients follows.

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| <b>State</b> | <b>Grant Recipient</b>  |
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| AK           | Alaska Department of Labor & Workforce Development                      |
| AL           | Alabama Department of Commerce  |
| AR           | Arkansas Department of Workforce Services                               |
| AZ           | Arizona Department of Economic Security                                 |
| CA           | California Employment Development Department                            |
| CO           | Colorado Department of Labor & Employment                               |
| CT           | Connecticut Department of Labor   |
| DC           | District of Columbia Department of Employment Services                  |
| DE           | Delaware Department of Labor  |
| FL           | Florida Department of Education   |
| GU           | Government of Guam Department of Labor                                  |
| HI           | Hawaii Department of Labor and Industrial Relations                     |
| IA           | Iowa Workforce Development  |
| ID           | Idaho Department of Labor   |
| IL           | Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity                |
| IN           | Indiana Department of Workforce Development                             |
| KS           | Kansas Department of Commerce   |
| KY           | Kentucky Labor Cabinet  |
| LA           | Louisiana Workforce Commission  |
| MA           | Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development       |
| MD           | Maryland Department of Labor Licensing and Regulation                   |
| ME           | Maine Department of Labor   |
| MI           | Michigan Workforce Development Agency                                   |
| MN           | Minnesota Department Labor and Industry                                 |
| MO           | Missouri Division of Workforce Development                              |
| MS           | Mississippi Department of Employment Security                           |
| MT           | Montana Department of Labor and Industry                                |
| NC           | North Carolina Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Solutions |
| ND           | North Dakota Job Service  |
| NE           | Nebraska Department of Labor  |
| NH           | New Hampshire Community College System                                  |
| NJ           | New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development                |
| NM           | New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions                            |
| NV           | Nevada Department of Employment Training and Rehabilitation             |
| NY           | New York State Department of Labor                                      |
| OH           | Ohio Department of Job and Family Services                              |
| OK           | Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City                                 |
| OR           | Oregon Employment Department  |
| PA           | Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry                             |
| PR           | Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Department of Labor and Human Resources     |
| RI           | Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training                           |
| SC           | South Carolina State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education    |
| SD           | South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation                         |

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| TN | Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development  |
| TX | Texas Workforce Commission                               |
| UT | Utah Department of Workforce Services                    |
| VA | Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development |
| VI | U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Labor                  |
| VT | Vermont Department of Labor                              |
| WA | Washington State Department of Labor & Industries        |
| WI | Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development            |
| WV | West Virginia Department of Commerce                     |