

Subject Pathways to prosperity grant program

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Overview

Codifies the pathways to prosperity grant program which funds training in high-demand occupations for adults facing the greatest employment disparities. Allows grant funds to be used for multiple types of career-readiness programs, or pathways, that combine basic skills training, education, and support services and result in either an industry-specific skill set or an employer recognized credential. Outlines grant-making criteria, including alignment with the local labor market and previous grant performance, and requires consultation with workforce development service providers about how the program is run. Provides for clear application instructions and technical assistance for applicants.

Appropriates \$4,039,000 each year from the general fund and an additional \$4,604,000 each year from the workforce development fund for the grant program, with up to four percent for the Department of Employment and Economic Development's administration and monitoring of the program.

In the 2017 Jobs Omnibus law, the pathways to prosperity grant program received \$1,539,000 each year from the general fund and an additional \$4,604,000 each year from the workforce development fund, with a general fund base in fiscal year 2020 and beyond of \$4,039,000.