

Opportunity4Jersey

Grants to help unemployed people train for work in a demand field

Do you offer training grants to training providers?

Yes; Opportunity4Jersey is a new grant program that eligible training providers can apply for.

Who does Opportunity4Jersey help?

The Opportunity4Jersey program benefits unemployed people who want to pursue a career in a demand field, and need training to do so.

What are the demand fields?

We've identified seven key industries that are projected to provide an above-average opportunity for career success. These areas are:

- bio-pharmaceuticals and life sciences
- leisure, hospitality and retail
- financial services
- transportation, logistics, and distribution
- technology and entrepreneurship
- health care
- advanced manufacturing

What is the amount of the grant?

Training grants of up to \$6,000 per trainee are possible (funding caps per entity apply). The grants are awarded competitively. Grants may be used to provide on-the-job or classroom training for jobs at all educational levels in these industries.

Who can apply for these training grants?

Opportunity4Jersey grants are awarded to post-secondary educational institutions and "approved" training providers (see njtopps.com/VendorFaqs.aspx for more information about the eligible training providers list). You must be working with a New Jersey employer, a consortia of employers, or a Talent Network, from one of the demand fields. The employer(s) must make a commitment to hire your trainees for at least six months upon their successful completion of training.

Why should I apply for an Opportunity4Jersey grant?

The employers/employer groups have specific jobs that they need a trained employee to fill. Training grants are earmarked for the training needed for those available jobs. Matching training dollars to job opportunities in this way, Opportunity4Jersey expects to achieve a stellar job-match success rate. It's a win for you, for trainees, and for employers.

How can my school or training organization apply for a grant?

Notices of grant opportunities are posted online at nj.gov/labor: Click on [Public Notices](#), then on the [Opportunity4Jersey](#) link. Follow instructions in the notice to apply. We will gladly answer your questions about the application process; call us at 609-633-6799.

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