**Minnesota Job Skills Partnership**

**Partnership Program**

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| **Program Purpose:** | To act as a catalyst between business and education in developing cooperative training projects that provide training for new jobs or retrain existing employees. |
| **How it Works:** | Grants are awarded to educational institutions with businesses as partners. |
| **Eligible applicants:** | Accredited public and/or private educational institutions partnering with businesses within the state are eligible. |
| **Minimum** **Requirements:**  | All projects must have at least one educational institution and one business working together. Cash and/or in-kind contributions from the participating business(es) must match Partnership funds on at least a one-to-one ratio. |
| **Eligible Projects:** | Funds may be used for training-related costs or educational infrastructure improvements necessary to support businesses located or intending to locate in Minnesota. |
| **Ineligible Activities:** | Requests for wage subsidies and tuition reimbursements are not eligible. |
| **Maximum Available:** | Up to $400,000 of Partnership funds per grant can be awarded for a project. A “Short Form” application is available for grants of $50,000 or less, to assist smaller businesses in getting the customized training they need. |
| **Terms:** | Projects average twelve months to three years in duration. The grant agreement must be executed within 90 days from the date of the award or the award becomes null and void. |
| **Application Accepted:** | Applications are accepted on a year-round basis through a grant application process. Grants, pending the availability of funding, are generally approved two to three times per year. Grant application deadlines are posted on our website. |
| **Approving Authority:** | Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Board. |
| **Disbursement of Funds:** | Costs are paid on a reimbursement basis. |
| **Contact:** | To request additional information or a grant application, please contact the Minnesota Job Skills Partnership at 651-259-7514 or visit our website at <http://mn.gov/deed/mjsp>/.  |

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|  | **MINNESOTA JOB SKILLS PARTNERSHIP***...promoting cooperative ventures between business, labor and education* |

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