**Minnesota Job Skills Partnership**

**Low Income Worker Training Program**

**Program Purpose:** To help individuals with incomes at or below 200% of the federal poverty line receive training to acquire additional skills in order to move up the career ladder to higher paying jobs and economic self-sufficiency.

**How It Works:** The program is designed to provide block grants to eligible applicants, who in-turn, may issue vouchers to cover the cost of relatively short-term training for eligible individuals.

**Eligible Applicants:** Minnesota public, private, or nonprofit entities that provide employment services to low-income individuals, or partnerships of two or more of these entities.

**Minimum** Trainees must be training-ready individuals who have incomes at or below 200 percent of **Requirements:** the federal poverty line.

**Eligible Projects:** Grant funds may be used for training-vouchers; training related materials and supplies; and when deemed appropriate by the Board, up to 10% of direct training costs may be used for project-related operational costs.

**Terms:** Projects average one to two 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 for this program are accepted periodically through a grant application process. 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, contact the Minnesota Job Skills

Partnership at 651-259-7514 or visit our website at <http://mn.gov/deed/mjsp>/.

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