

## Skills Training for Economic Recovery- new Community Workforce Response Grant (CWRG) stream

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To Prospective Applicants,

The Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training has developed a new Community Workforce Response Grant program stream, called the Skills Training for Economic Recovery Stream, to provide short-term skills training to people impacted by COVID-19 so they can develop the knowledge, skills and competencies for good job opportunities while the economy recovers. Funded projects are intended to help people gain job-related skills, reattach to the labour market, and prepare for current and emerging job opportunities.

A summary of the new stream is provided below. This time-limited stream **opens for applications on October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020** and will close in February, based on uptake. **All training must start prior to March 2021.** Additional information about the Skills Training for Economic Recovery Stream is available on WorkBC.ca at [Community Workforce Response Grant](#).

### Who can apply for the grant?

Eligible applicants include:

- B.C. public and private post- secondary institutions
- B.C. private training institutions certified under the Private Training Act by the [Private Training Institutions Branch \(PTIB\) of the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training](#)
- [Aboriginal-controlled institutes](#)
- ITA designated trade schools
- Union halls and training boards
- Industry, sector and employer associations with a mandate for training
- Trade and industry recognized personal safety training providers
- Other private and non-profit training providers

### What type of training projects will the stream support?

- Training that increases job-related skills, prepares people for current or emerging job opportunities, and/or leads directly to employment.
- Training must be aligned with jobs in-demand and should support major and emerging sectors and industries in B.C., including those that have been most impacted by COVID-19.

- Training courses must be under 52 weeks and training must start **prior** to March 2021.

### **What funding is available?**

- The maximum funding per participant is \$8,000.
- Recommended minimum number of participants per cohort is 20.
- Multiple applications from one Applicant will be accepted. The maximum total funding per applicant (multiple projects) is \$1,000,000.
- Eligible costs include skills training, employment assistance services, participant financial supports, and up to 10% of the total costs of project delivery to support project administration.

### **Who is eligible to take the training?**

- Participants must be unemployed or precariously employed (part time, seasonal and/or casual), have been impacted by COVID-19, and be seeking training for employment.
- Priority will be given to projects where participants are youth (15-29) and/or participants who are low skilled (high school completion or less).

### **How do I apply?**

- Applicants must have a Business BCeID Account to apply. Review the [Business BCeID Questions and Answers](#) document for more information.
- Submit an application online through the Skills Training Grants system.

If you have any questions about the stream or application submission, please contact our team at [CWRG@gov.bc.ca](mailto:CWRG@gov.bc.ca)

**Please share this information widely throughout your networks as this new time-limited stream opens to applications on October 8<sup>th</sup>!**

Thank you,

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