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New Community Workforce Response Grant - BC Gov't

Greetings from the Executive Director

Below is an email from the BC Government, Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills & Training, regarding a new Community Workforce Response Grant program stream, called the Skills Training for Economic Recovery Stream.

To be eligible you must be unemployed or precariously employed (part time, seasonal and/or casual), have been impacted by the pandemic, 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).

For more information please see below.

Best regards,

Elaine Allan, BA, MBA
Executive Director

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 the pandemic 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 8th, 2020 and will close in February, based on



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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 the pandemic.
- 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.
- Eligible costs include skills training, employment assistance services, participant financial supports, and up to ten percent of the total costs of project delivery to support project administration.

Who is eligible to take the training?



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- 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.

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

Thank you,

The CWRG Team

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