

Funding Opportunities

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[High Growth Job Training Initiative Grants for the Advanced Manufacturing Industry, Department of Labor - Employment & Training Administration](#)

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), announced the availability of approximately \$10 million in grant funds for new and innovative approaches to meeting the workforce challenges of the advanced manufacturing industry under the President's High Growth Job Training Initiative. ETA defines "advanced manufacturing" as the use of technology or other productivity-enhancing business processes in the manufacturing enterprise and/or value-added supply chain. These advanced manufacturing technologies and processes may be used in a variety of industry sectors. For more information, please visit <http://www.doleta.gov/sga/sga/SGA-DFA-05-07.pdf>

Deadline: July 25, 2006

[Community-Based Job Training Grants: US Department of Labor \(USDOL\)](#)

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), announces the availability of approximately \$125 million in grant funds for Community-Based Job Training Grants. Community-Based Job Training Grants will be awarded through a competitive process to support workforce training for high-growth/high-demand industries through the national system of community and technical colleges.

The primary purpose of these grants is to build the capacity of community colleges to train workers to develop the skills required to succeed in local or regional: (i) industries and occupations that are expected to experience high-growth and (ii) industries where demand for qualified workers is outstripping the supply.

Funds will be awarded to individual community and technical colleges, community college districts, state community college systems, and One-Stop Career Centers to support or engage in a combination of capacity building and training activities for the purpose of building the capacity of community colleges to train for careers in high-growth/high-demand industries in the local and/or regional economies. This Solicitation contains an exception for rural areas and other communities that are educationally underserved due to their lack of access to community or technical colleges.

Applicants must propose a combination of capacity building and training activities targeted at local high-growth/high-demand industries as defined in the context of the regional economy. Projects will be developed and implemented in the context of a strategic partnership that includes business and industry, the workforce investment system, and the continuum of education. It is anticipated that ETA will award up to 75 grants, ranging from \$500,000 to \$2 million each.

Deadline: August 30, 2006

[Ameren Community Development Corporation: Community Grants for Missouri](#)

Organizations in the 65 Missouri counties AmerenCDC serves are eligible to apply for a community grant. Examples of where grants may be directed include 501(c)(3) organizations to assist with neighborhood revitalization aimed at job growth, private businesses as incentives for job creation, and businesses to encourage retention and expansion. For more information, visit: www.ameren.com/ECONOMICDEVL/ADC_ED_AmerenCDC.asp

Deadline: October 2, 2006

[Missouri Community Grants, Ameren Community Development Corporation](#)

The AmerenCDC was established to provide grant funding to promote economic development and job growth within the electric service territory in Missouri of Union Electric Company, known as AmerenUE.

The AmerenCDC will fund projects based upon each applicant's ability to stimulate community and economic development that results in the creation/retention of jobs and in community revitalization. The AmerenCDC was established to provide an organization that would have a lasting economic impact on AmerenUE service area communities and the state of Missouri. For more information, please visit http://www.ameren.com/ECONOMICDEVL/ADC_ED_AmerenCDC.

Deadline: October 2, 2006

[Do Something Brick Award: Social Entrepreneurs](#)

The Do Something Brick Award honors outstanding leaders age 18 and under, and three outstanding leaders ages 19-25, who use their talents to take action that measurably strengthens their local communities in the areas of community building, health, or the environment. For more information, [click here](#).

Deadline: October 25, 2006

[Graduate Research Fellowship Funding Available, Graduate Research Fellowship](#)

The Graduate Research Fellowship provides dissertation support to doctoral students undertaking independent research on crime- and justice-related issues. The research focus should be on law enforcement/policing; justice systems; corrections; courts, prosecution, and defense; offender programs and treatment; crime prevention; forensics; international crime and justice; and violence and victimization. For more information, please visit <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000747.pdf>.

Deadline: November 28, 2006

[Ready to Work: Access to Economic Opportunities, Prudential Foundation](#)

Ready to Work focuses on initiatives that increase employment opportunities by strengthening job skills and opportunities, and by promoting neighborhood development activities. Programs involve workforce development and increasing entrepreneurship through financial training and access to capital. Ready to Work also promotes the creation of decent, affordable housing by working in partnership with Community Housing Development Corporations and community development financial institutions. For more information, please visit <http://www.prudential.com/productsAndServices/0,1474,intPageID%253D1440%2526lnPrinterFriendly%253D0,00.html>

Deadline: Rolling

[Investing in People & Places , Sobrato Foundation](#)

The Sobrato foundation invests in strong community-based organizations that promote self-reliance and economic independence, and positively contribute to the quality of life for economically, physically and emotionally challenged individuals. The foundation makes unrestricted grants to help Silicon Valley nonprofits sustain their operations, including personnel costs associated with administrative and fundraising expenses as well as capital grants for buildings. For more information, please visit <http://www.sobrato.com/foundation/guidelines.htm#2002%20Grant%20Investment%20Priorities>

Deadline: Rolling

[Skills Development Fund - Texas Workforce Commission, Texas Workforce Commission](#)

The Skills Development Fund program assists businesses and trade unions by financing the design and implementation of customized job training projects. This fund successfully merges business needs and local customized training opportunities into a winning formula to increase the skills level and wages of the Texas workforce.

Businesses and trade unions must partner with an eligible applicant in order to be considered for Skills Development Fund grants. Eligible applicants are public community or technical colleges, the Texas Engineering Extension Service or a community-based organization working in partnership with one of these institutions. For more detailed information, please visit <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/svcs/funds/sdfintro.htm>.

Deadline: Rolling

Massachusetts Workforce Training Fund, Massachusetts Department of Workforce Development

The Workforce Training Fund is a Massachusetts state fund financed entirely by Massachusetts employers. Its purpose is to provide resources to Massachusetts businesses and workers to train current and newly hired employees. Several opportunities are available on a rolling basis through the fund for employers partnering with eligible trainers. The program offers grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$1 million. For more information, please visit <http://www.detma.org/WorkforceHome.htm>.

Deadline: Rolling

Building Skills in New York State (BUSINYS), New York State Department of Labor

The purpose of this Request for Applications (RFA) is to support employer strategies and local efforts for lifelong learning for the development of the incumbent (employed) worker by providing funds for upgrading the skills of those workers. BUSINYS uses Workforce Investment Act (WIA) monies to address employer demands for skilled workers. The program will fund projects that solve workforce problems by addressing identified skilled worker shortages within an industry or within a single employer's establishment, and promoting skills upgrading for incumbent workers.

Deadline: Rolling

Making Connections: A Neighborhood Transformation Family Development Initiative, Annie E. Casey Foundation

The Annie E. Casey Foundation makes grants that are, in general, limited to initiatives that have significant potential to demonstrate innovative policy, service delivery and community supports for children and families. The majority of the foundation's current giving is targeted to the Making Connections initiative. More information about the Making Connections initiative can be found on the foundation website here. For more information, please visit <http://www.aecf.org/about/grantguidelines.htm>.

Deadline: Rolling

Assets for Independence Demonstration Program (AFI), Office of Community Services

The Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services (OCS) will accept applications for financial assistance to establish and administer Assets for Independence (AFI) Projects. These projects assist low-income people in becoming economically self-sufficient. They do so by teaching project participants about economic and consumer issues and enabling them to establish matched savings accounts called Individual Development Accounts (IDA) in order to save for a first home, a business or higher education. Grantees must participate in an ongoing national evaluation of the impact of AFI Projects and IDAs. For more information, please visit <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fbciprogs/fbcida.html>.

Deadline: Rolling

[IBM Community Relations Workforce Development Grants](#)

IBM Community Relations supports technology's important role in adult education and job training. The IBM Foundation helps job seekers secure and retain employment by providing hands-on experience with today's technologies. For more information, please visit <http://www.ibm.com/ibm/ibmgives/grant/grantapp.shtml>.

Deadline: Rolling

[Bayer Foundation Education and Workforce Development Focus](#)

Bayer has a solid stake in helping to ensure that today's students are well prepared to be tomorrow's leaders and innovators. As a science and research-based company, Bayer recognizes the important skills obtained from a solid science education, including critical thinking, analyzing, working in teams and adapting to change - skills that are important to everyone, no matter the career they choose. Also of interest to Bayer are programs that highlight sustainable development and environmental education and conservation. For more information, please visit http://www.bayerus.com/about/community/com_fprogram.html.

Deadline: Rolling

[Hitachi Foundation Business and Community Grants](#)

The Hitachi Foundation funds projects that strengthen corporate citizenship, including programs that support workforce development. The Foundation focuses on partnerships that enable economically isolated people to retain and advance in their jobs, earn living wages, and accumulate savings and assets. The actions and interaction of business and community are fundamental to this goal. They support path-breaking business and community partnerships in order to capture lessons from leaders that can advance the field. To learn more, please visit <http://www.hitachifoundation.org/grants/guidelines/index.html#focus>.

Deadline: Rolling

[The DaimlerChrysler Corporation Fund](#)

The DaimlerChrysler Corporation Fund supports programs that develop the skills necessary for success in a multinational manufacturing environment. The fund also supports national, regional, and community-wide initiatives that focus on school-to-work programs, expanding job skills, technical

training, and entry-level job preparation. The fund provides university-level support for students and departmental excellence.

Deadline: Rolling

The John Merck Fund

The John Merck Fund created the Job Opportunities Program in 1994 to develop and test new ways to expand employment and career-development strategies to assist economically disadvantaged adults and youth in earning a living wage. Grants go exclusively to organizations in the northeastern United States, from New York to Maine. Their focus areas include workforce-development initiatives that connect individuals to good jobs and help them build a stable career; income-producing opportunities that benefit low-income women and rural communities; and strategies to alleviate rural poverty. The Fund also hopes to help the workforce-development sector create model programs and influence public policy.

Deadline: Rolling

Achelis and Bodman Foundations

In keeping with the broad purpose in their charter documents, the Achelis and Bodman Foundations have chosen to spread their grant program widely. Most grants are made in New York City, reflecting its vibrant not-for-profit sector, continuing needs, and the staff's and trustees' "local knowledge." In addition, The Bodman Foundation makes some of its grants in northern New Jersey in recognition of its donors' ties to that state. Over 90% of grants fall into one of six program categories, one of which is employment.

The Employment focus area places emphasis on relieving chronic unemployment through jobs training and placement services aiding clients find jobs in the private sector.

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