

## Non-Traditional Apprenticeship Grants FY 2020 Questions & Answer

1. If a grant is awarded; does the employer receive the funding or the education/training provider, or both?

The grant funds are for the development of an apprenticeship model not yet in existence. The applicant group must at least include one employer who will ultimately sponsor the apprenticeship program once its completed, and potential training/educator providers. While any member of the applicant group may receive funds through the grant; costs must be reasonable and allowable (technical assistance and guidance on reasonable and allowable costs will be provided upon award).

As for who administers the funds (i.e. submits invoices and receives reimbursement through the grant); that is entirely up to the applicant group. Whichever entity is 'lead' applicant on the proposal can serve as Fiscal Agent.

2. You state in the proposal that 'The GWB is also interested in expanding the capacity for apprenticeship programs that work closely with Career & Technical Education, lead to postsecondary credit, show alignment with the GWB Biennial Plan Priorities and target historically underserved populations'. Will proposals score higher if a proposal targets historically underserved population?

Correct. While there are many factors that will be considered as part of the evaluation process; a proposal may score higher if it includes mechanisms for including underserved populations such as veterans, disabled persons, former offenders, or historically under-represented socio-economic groups.

3. In registered apprenticeship requirements it says 'Instructors must be either a RIDE licensed vocational education teacher or a subject matter expert. Such an individual must have demonstrated expertise in the target field.' Do we have to identify the instructors for the program in the RFP?

No. Since the grant funds are to assist in the development of an apprenticeship model not yet in existence; the identification of the training and curriculum for the apprenticeship model, and the appropriate instructors of that training, is not required as part of the application. Such work will be part of the apprenticeship development process.

The 'required components for registered apprenticeship' are taken from the State Apprenticeship Council and any apprenticeship model submitted for approval must include these components.

4. On the RFP it states 'The State of Rhode Island has a goal of ten percent (10%) participation by MBE's in all State procurements.' It seems that the RFP will not be for an MBE since it seems you are looking for education and non-profit partners?

The GWB strongly encourages Minority Business Enterprises (MBE), Women Business Enterprises (WBE), and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) to apply or join an applicant group in applying. More information on the state's Minority Business Enterprise Program may be found at: <http://odeo.ri.gov/offices/mbeco/>