

Office of Skills Development (OSD) Training Grants



The State of Arkansas funds training and workforce development projects through the Office of Skills Development (OSD).

OSD makes strategic investments in the state's workforce through OSD Training Grants. These grants support local businesses and the Arkansas workforce by providing funding and support for professional employee development, reduce gaps in worker skills, and provide customized technical training.



GROW OUR OWN GRANTS

Grow Our Own Grants are available to businesses in Arkansas with 250 or fewer employees. This grant reimburses up to 75% of allowable training expenses.

Maximum Funding: \$250,000 per quarter

CUSTOMIZED TECHNICAL GRANTS

Customized Technical Grants are typically associated with highly technical training specific to or customized for a certain industry, skill, or equipment. This grant reimburses up to 75% of allowable training expenses.

Maximum Funding: \$250,000 per fiscal year



SKILLS GAP GRANTS

Skills Gap Grants address the growing gap between employer workforce needs and the skills of the current workforce. This grant is designed to address critical gaps in workforce skills in a particular region or industry rather than a specific business. These are not typically granted to individual businesses, so funding levels are not pre-determined.

Maximum Funding: TBD

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Professional Development Grants reimburse basic professional or academic training to help equip employees for success. This includes skills such as leadership, conflict resolution, and Microsoft Office. This grant reimburses companies with up to 50% of allowable training expenses.

Maximum Funding: \$50,000 per fiscal year

To apply for an OSD Training Grant, visit ArkansasOSD.com and click on the Training Grants tab. Here, you will find the link to the application along with helpful resources and forms. You can also email ACEOSDGrants@arkansas.gov for more information. Grants must be approved before the training program begins.