

COLORADO

Department of Labor & Employment

ASE Grant Award	\$1,356,234.35
Target Industries	Healthcare, manufacturing, information technology, education, retail/hospitality/food and beverage, transportation, energy, agriculture, behavioral health, and business operations; nontraditional industries such as early childhood education, clean/sustainable energy, and cybersecurity
Target Occupations	None identified
Registration Entity	U.S. Department of Labor
ASE Goals	800 apprentices, 12 new Registered Apprenticeship Programs (RAPs)

Key ASE Expansion Strategies

- Promote the use of sector partnerships, and engage industry associations to assist with business recruitment, identify potential Registered Apprenticeship (RA) sponsors (or serve as sponsors), help assure that RAPs meet industry needs, and support both the marketing and sustainability of RAPs.
- Explore a potential partnership between Workforce Development Programs and Skillful, a nonprofit initiative of the Markle Foundation, to train local workforce staff on the skills required to better engage and serve local businesses in RA opportunities.
- Adapt promising practices from other states to move innovation forward and streamline processes without compromising program integrity.
- Increase RA sponsor use of the Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) by partnering with the Colorado Office of Apprenticeship to improve the process of informing new RA sponsors about the ETPL and its benefits (subject to approval by the U.S. Department of Labor National Office); collaborating with the Colorado Department of Higher Education to explore improvements to the employer/public side of the ETPL; developing policy guidance; and working with the local workforce areas to develop strategies to engage RA sponsors and employers, encourage the registration of non-registered programs, and increase sponsor/employer participation and use of the ETPL.
- Develop and issue policy guidance to assist local workforce areas in their efforts to identify employers with non-registered apprenticeship programs and help them become registered.