

2019 State Apprenticeship Expansion Grant

Lead Applicant: Pennsylvania Apprenticeship and Training Office (ATO)

Tier I Funding Amount: \$450,000

Tier 1 Baseline Goals

1. **National Apprenticeship System Building:** Develop structures that ensure all RAPs in the State have the features of high-quality apprenticeship.
2. **System Alignment for Apprenticeship Expansion:** Build statewide capacity to increase the number and quality of apprenticeships through stronger alignment with the education and workforce systems.
3. **Improving Data Sharing and Data Integrity:** Improve data collection and sharing and data integrity.

Short Project Summary:

Pennsylvania continues to grow the Registered Apprenticeship system through innovation, collaboration, and investment. The ATO team works to strengthen the apprenticeship infrastructure to increase the overall number of apprentices, educate industry stakeholders about the merits of apprenticeship, and expand apprenticeship opportunities into non-traditional industries and occupations.

In support of these efforts, the ATO will improve the information and functionality on both the ATO website and the PA CareerLink® (One-Stop) apprenticeship webpages. Partnerships around apprenticeship will be strengthened with LWDBs, secondary & post-secondary training providers, industry partnerships, and the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). Functionality around RAPs will also be integrated into the Commonwealth Workforce Development System (CWDS), the State workforce System of Record. Key industries for RAP growth include manufacturing, healthcare, building & construction trades, information technology and education.