

Abstract

Lead Applicant / Organization Name: Jobs for the Future, Inc.	
Lead applicant entity type: Non-profit intermediary	
Lead Applicant City and State: Boston, MA	
Select Grant Category: <input type="checkbox"/> State Apprenticeship System Building and Modernization: up to \$4 million <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expansion of RAP Opportunities for Youth: up to \$5 million <input type="checkbox"/> Ensuring Equitable RAP Pathways Through Pre-apprenticeship Leading to RAP Enrollment and Equity Partnerships: up to \$3 million <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Apprenticeship Hubs: up to \$4 million for local, up to \$6 million for regional and up to \$8 million for national.	
If applying for the Set-Aside, please select the primary focus: NOT APPLICABLE	
Project Title: Next Generation Apprenticeship for Next Generation Talent (NGA+T)	
Funding Amount Requested: \$5,000,000	
Applicant's Geographic Scope of Proposed Project: National (12 states – CA, CO, DE, GA, ME, NJ, NM, NY OH, PA, TX & VA)	
Number of apprentices enrolled in RAPs during the life of the grant: 400 (Note: 1,000 participants served in total; includes 900 pre-apprentices, at least 300 who enroll in RAPs during life of grant, and an additional 100 participants who enter directly into RAPs.)	
Population(s) to be served: In-school and out-of-school youth with emphasis on populations underrepresented in pre-apprenticeship and RAPs	
Required Partners: All partners listed below; lead partners in bold	
• Bitwise Industries	Employer sponsor
• Educate Maine	Education / training provider
Canyon Networks	Employer
• Goodwill of North Georgia	Intermediary sponsor
Fastenal	Employer
Georgia Institute of Technology GTSC LEAP	Education / training provider
Mechanical Trades Institute Joint Apprenticeship and Training Trust	Education / training provider
WorkSource Georgia Fulton County	Workforce board
WorkSource Georgia Mountains	Workforce board
• JEVS Human Services	Intermediary sponsor
National Tooling & Machining Association, Philadelphia Delaware Valley Chapter	Industry association
i2m Solutions	Employer
Orleans Technical College	Education provider
Pennsylvania Dept. of Labor & Industry Apprenticeship & Training Office	State Apprenticeship Agency
Philadelphia Performing Arts	Education provider
• Shenandoah Valley Workforce Development	Workforce board
Coursera	Education / training provider

<p>Optional Partners: (Organization names and entity type) NOT APPLICABLE</p>
<p>Project Purpose: Establish partnerships with employer sponsors, education providers, workforce boards, and intermediaries to expand RAPs and pre-apprenticeship programs that lead to RAP enrollment for in-school youth (ISY) and out-of-school youth (OSY) with a focus on underrepresented populations and communities.</p>
<p>Subrecipient Activities: Subrecipients will serve as regional intermediaries, convening a local set of committed stakeholders, including employer sponsors, education/training providers, and/or workforce development organizations, to adopt program design elements that meet the needs of ISY and OSY. These include: academic supports and contextualized learning, navigators to support career exploration and connections to postsecondary education, paid work-based learning during pre-apprenticeships, case management, and support services. Subrecipients will also facilitate access to online related instruction; participate in a Community of Practice; create and participate in youth-based focus groups to obtain feedback for continuous program improvement; collaborate with JFF on a marketing and outreach strategy; collaborate with JFF to gather qualitative and quantitative data for analysis and reporting; and assist with reporting.</p>
<p>List of Credentials(s) to be awarded: Academic & industry certifications include CompTIA IT Fundamentals, CompTIA A+, Google IT Support, CompTIA Network+, Microsoft Technology Associate: Security Fundamentals, NHA Certified Medical Assistant (CCMA); Certified Peer Specialist (CPS) and Certified Recovery Specialist (CRS), National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS) occupation-related credentials, MSSC Certified Production Technician 4.0 (CPT), ANSI Certificate for Apartment Maintenance Technicians (CAMT), Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Certified Coding Associate (CCA), Certified Coding Specialist (CCS), Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT), Aquaculture Certificate, AWS-Certified Welder, safety certifications in OSHA 30, certification in Adult CPR/First Aid/AED.</p>
<p>SUMMARY OF PROGRAM ACTIVITIES: Jobs for the Future (JFF), with five national and regional apprenticeship leaders as lead partners, will prepare 1,000 in-school youth (ISY) and out-of-school youth (OSY), especially individuals from populations underrepresented in apprenticeship programs, for entry into pre-apprenticeship (pre-app) and Registered Apprenticeship (RA) pathways leading to high-quality jobs in high-demand occupations and industries. NGA+T is designed to address equity gaps in RA by providing on-ramps to those who need readiness and skills training while still allowing direct entry into RA for those who are ready. Each lead partner, working with local partners, will create and expand robust pre-app pathways into RA. As program lead, JFF will: lead development of marketing and outreach strategy and conduct an outreach and recruitment assessment at each of the partners' sites; provide coaching and technical assistance, to build regional intermediary capacity and support registration of pre-apprenticeship programs; deliver training on diversity, equity, inclusion, accessibility; build industry-specific pre-app and RA frameworks; co-design curricula relevant to multiple occupations; implement a Community of Practice to support peer learning; and document the effectiveness of various approaches and disseminate results.</p>
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