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Minnesota Apprenticeship Initiative (MAI)	http://www.dli.mn.gov/mai	The Minnesota Apprenticeship Initiative (MAI) offers grants to assist employers with costs associated with developing apprenticeship programs. Employers can receive up to \$5,000 for each apprentice to help cover costs including apprenticeship-related supplies, materials, instruction and infrastructure.	Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) and the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)	MAI is funded through a \$5 million grant through the U.S. Department of Labor.	N/A
Dual-Training Pipeline grants	http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/mPg.cfm?pageID=2160	<p>The Dual Training Grant is a funding source that generates collaborative and strategic educational solutions between employers and related instruction training providers across Minnesota. Employers or organizations of employers may apply for grants to reimburse expenses related to instruction toward attaining an industry-recognized degree, certificate or credential for their employees.</p> <p>A grantee can receive up to \$150,000 a year of which a dual trainee can benefit up to \$6,000 per year. Grantees receive</p>	Minnesota Office of Higher Education	\$2 million annually	Applications open 3/2/2021 and close 4/6/2021

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		funds through a reimbursement process. Grantees pay related instruction costs and OHE reimburses grantees for related instruction costs. In some cases, a cost match is required of grantees. Allowable related instruction costs include tuition, fees, books, and materials that are required by training providers.			
Youth Skills Training (YST) Program Grants	http://www.dli.mn.gov/yst	The Youth Skills Training (YST) Program encourages, promotes and supports the development of local partnerships between schools, employers and community organizations. These local partnerships provide students with related classroom instruction, safety training, industry-recognized credentials and paid work experience in high-growth and high-demand occupations in the industries of advanced manufacturing, agriculture, automotive, health care and information technology.	Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)	\$1 million in grant funding available.	Next round expected to open Oct. 2021 and close Dec 2021

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		<p>Successful applicants will demonstrate the ability to achieve these objectives through various means including outreach, education, training and supportive services for students.</p> <p>Grant funds can be used for marketing, recruitment, training, transportation, student certifications and personnel to manage a program. Grants cannot be used to pay student wages.</p>			
Automation Training Incentive Pilot Program	https://mn.gov/deed/business/financing-business/training-grant/atipp/	<p>Grants of up to \$25,000 are available to small businesses in the manufacturing or skilled production industry for the express purpose of training incumbent workers as quickly and effectively as possible on new automation technology. The program is available to existing businesses across Minnesota that are investing in new automation technology at the project location. Training is for existing, full-time jobs paying at least 120% of federal</p>	Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development	N/A	Grants are awarded directly to businesses on a first-come, first-serve basis contingent on the availability of funds until June 30, 2020

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		poverty guidelines. Minimum award of \$10,000. Award amount is limited to \$5,000 per employee trained.			
Job Training Incentive Program	https://mn.gov/deed/business/financing-business/training-grant/jtip/	Grants of up to \$200,000 are awarded to eligible businesses to provide training for new jobs. Eligible applicants include businesses located outside of the seven county metropolitan area or located in the cities of Hanover, Rockford, Northfield and New Prague that are adding at least three new jobs. The new jobs must pay wages at least equal to the median weekly wage for the county in which the jobs are located. The new jobs must also provide at least 32 hours of work per week for a minimum of nine months per year. Businesses are required to match the grant on a 5:1 basis. Award amount is limited to \$5,000 to \$10,000 per new	Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development	N/A	Eligible applications will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis contingent on the availability of funds.

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		employee trained based on wage rates.			
Low Income Worker Training Program	https://mn.gov/deed/business/financing-business/training-grant/liw/	The Low Income Worker Training Program helps workers whose incomes are at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines gain new skills necessary to move up the career ladder to higher paying jobs and greater economic self-sufficiency. The program provides grants of up to \$200,000 to Minnesota public, private, or nonprofit entities that provide employment services to low-income individuals. No match from grant recipients is required.	Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development	N/A	Applications for this program are accepted periodically based on the availability of funding.

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Partnership Program	https://mn.gov/deed/business/financing-business/training-grant/partnership/	The Partnership program, focuses on providing training for both new and existing employees of participating businesses throughout the state. Minnesota participating businesses must partner with an accredited Minnesota educational institution. Grants of up to \$400,000 are awarded to the educational institution to develop and deliver custom training specific to business needs. All projects must have at least one educational institution and one business working together. A cash or in-kind contribution from the participating business must match the grant funds on at least a one-to-one basis. Eligible educational institutions must be accredited through institutional or specialized accrediting agencies that are recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and/or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. Projects average one to three years in duration. A "Short	Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development	N/A	Applications are accepted on a year-round basis through a grant application process. Grants, pending the availability of funding, are generally approved two to three times per year. Grant application deadlines are posted on our website.

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		Form” application is available for grants of \$50,000 or less, to assist smaller businesses in getting the customized training they need.			

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Pathways Program	https://mn.gov/deed/business/financing-business/training-grant/pathways/	<p>The Pathways program focuses on providing training, new jobs and career paths for people who have incomes at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines or those who are making a transition from public assistance to work. Projects must include at least one participating business and an accredited Minnesota educational institution or training provider. Grants of up to \$400,000 per project may be awarded to develop and deliver training specific to business needs. Cash or in-kind contributions from the participating business(es) must match program funds on at least a one-half to one ratio. Eligible applicants include accredited Minnesota educational institutions and workforce development intermediaries partnering with businesses within the state. Workforce development intermediaries are defined as public, private or nonprofit entities that</p>	Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development	N/A	Applications are accepted on a year-round basis through a grant application process. Grants, pending the availability of funding, are generally approved two to three times per year. Current application deadlines are posted on our website.

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		provide employment services to low-income individuals. Training must be provided by a Minnesota educational institution that is accredited through institutional or specialized accrediting agencies that are recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and/or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. Projects average one to three years in duration. A "Short Form" application is available for grants of \$50,000 or less, to assist smaller businesses in getting the customized training they need.			

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Border-Cities Enterprise Zone Program	https://mn.gov/deed/business/financing-business/tax-credits/border-cities/	The Border-Cities Enterprise Zone Program provides business tax credits (property tax credits, debt financing credit on new construction, sales tax credit on construction equipment and materials, and new or existing employee credits) to qualifying businesses that are the source of investment, development, and job creation or retention in the Border-Cities Enterprise Zone cities of Breckenridge, Dilworth, East Grand Forks, Moorhead, Ortonville, and the Development Zone of Taylors Falls. Businesses locating or existing in those cities are eligible, excluding a recreation or entertainment facility, one owned by a fraternal or veteran's organization, one owned by a public utility, one used in operation of a financial institution, or one owned by a retail food or beverage service business operating under a franchise agreement	Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development	Tax Credit	By April 30 of each year, appropriate officials in each of the enterprise zones' five cities must file a status report with DEED that details how each city has allocated program credits.

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		requiring the business to be located in the state.			
Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC)	https://mn.gov/deed/business/finding-workers/incentives/wotc.jsp	The tax credit allows employers to reduce their federal tax liability by up to \$9,600 per new hire. For-profit businesses of any size qualify. 501(c) non-profits qualify for the veteran target groups only. And the tax credit applies to temporary, seasonal, part-time and full-time workers.	Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development	Tax Credit	The tax credit is available for new hires with job start dates through December 31, 2020.