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Wisconsin Fast Forward Grant	http://wisconsinfastforward.com/wff_standard.htm	The Wisconsin Fast Forward program is a state-funded grant program that provides employer-led worker training grants. The Office of Skills Development (OSD) at the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) administers the grant program. OSD works to encourage the development of innovative solutions at the local and regional level that bring together employers, educators, workforce development entities, and economic development organizations to meet area workforce needs and increase the economic capacity of its residents. This grant opportunity is for employers who can demonstrate a critical need for skilled workers and are seeking Wisconsin Fast Forward training grants for developing and implementing a business-led skills training program. Grant awards range from \$5,000 to \$400,000 per Grantee. Cash or in-kind match equal to 50% of the amount of the grant award is required.	Department of Workforce Development	Up to approximately \$3 million is being made available for this GPA.	April 8, 2021	
Workforce Equity Grants	https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/det/employer.htm#4	<p>It is the intent of the Workforce Equity Grant program to provide education, skills training, and placement in high-demand occupations to underserved populations in southeastern Wisconsin, to reduce racial disparities, and to narrow the education gap in the State's workforce, as well as to place trained individuals in well-paying, family-supporting jobs.</p> <p>This grant opportunity focuses on training underserved workers underserved in two southeastern Wisconsin Workforce Development Areas (WDA): WDA 1-Southeast (Kenosha, Racine, and Walworth County) and WDA 2-Milwaukee (Milwaukee County). Employers in WDA 1 or WDA 2 are eligible to apply. For the purposes of this grant, underserved populations are defined as Black, Indigenous, and people of color, women, and/or</p>	Department of Workforce Development	<p>The IKEA US Community Foundation has donated \$947,000 to the Wisconsin DWD for this grant opportunity.</p> <p>Award Amount: \$5,000 to \$400,000</p>	Applications are due by 3 p.m. CST on January 18, 2021	

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Wisconsin Manufacturing and Agriculture Credit	http://inwisconsin.com/grow/assistance/wisconsin-manufacturing-and-agriculture-credit/	<p>The manufacturing and agriculture tax credit is available to individuals and entities for taxable years that begin on or after January 1, 2013, for manufacturing and agricultural activities in Wisconsin. The tax credit is available for income derived from manufacturing or agricultural property located in Wisconsin and will offset a significant share of Wisconsin income taxes. The credit is a percentage of “eligible qualified production activities income.” The credit amounts to 7.5% of “eligible qualified production activities income,” resulting in an effective corporate tax rate of 0.4% as of 2016.</p>	Wisconsin Department of Revenue	Tax Credit	N/A	

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Workforce Training Grants	http://inwisconsin.com/grow/assistance/training-grants/	<p>Wisconsin provides Workforce Training Grants to assist businesses in workforce retention and expansion into new markets and technology. The program provides grant funds to businesses to upgrade or improve the job-related skills of their full-time employees. Grant funds may be approved for eligible training provided to existing and new employees in full-time jobs. Any business making a firm commitment to locate a new facility in Wisconsin or expand an existing facility within the state and is upgrading a product, process or service that requires training in new technology and industrial skills is eligible for a Training Grant.</p>	Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation	Varies	Varies	Contact Regional Development Director

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Expanded Wisconsin Fast Forward Grant: Technical Education Equipment Grants	http://wisconsinfastforward.com/wff_standard.htm	<p>The objective of this grant is to: Train more high school students in advanced manufacturing fields to help address Wisconsin's skilled worker shortage. Accelerate the transition of students into Wisconsin's workforce. Provide students and their families with a way to reduce higher education costs by providing dual-enrollment credits, industry-endorsed certificates, and technical endorsements on high school diplomas.</p> <p>This expanded WFF grant program is open to applications from Wisconsin school districts that can demonstrate that the Career and Technical Education program for which they are purchasing and installing advanced manufacturing equipment: Meets the needs of employers in their region; Leverages partnerships and matching funds; Optimizes regional training capacity; Increases the supply of skilled workers in advanced manufacturing fields; Builds on proven programs; and Includes mechanisms for sustainability. Award Amount \$5,000 to \$50,000.</p>	Department of Workforce Development	Up to \$1,000,000 is available	January 11, 2021	Check to see if grant is offered again FY 2022
Expanded Wisconsin Fast Forward Grant: Workforce Training in County Jail Facilities	http://wisconsinfastforward.com/wff_standard.htm	<p>The objective of this grant is to: Increase the work readiness of incarcerated inmates through job search and employment skills development; Increase post-release employment; Reduce recidivism. This expanded WFF grant program is only available to Wisconsin based county jails, Workforce Development Boards, and community-based workforce development entities or private organizations partnering with a local Workforce Development Board, community workforce development partner, or employer. Award Amount may be up to \$75,000 in the 2020 fiscal year</p>	Department of Workforce Development	Total grant program of \$75,000 for grants in the 2020 fiscal year	January 11, 2021	Check to see if grant is offered again FY 2022

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Advance Wisconsin	http://advancewisconsin.org/advance-wisconsin/	Backed by a \$14.9 million, three-year grant awarded in 2012 from the U.S. Department of Labor, Wisconsin's 16 technical colleges are expanding and enhancing their programs to close the skills gap in advanced manufacturing. This grant is a result of an unprecedented state-wide collaboration between the educational systems that are working with industry groups, workforce development boards and more than 50 businesses.	N/A	Varies	Varies	Contact Regional Development Director
Work Opportunity Tax Credit	http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/jobservice/taxcredit/wotc.htm	The Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) is a Federal tax credit available to employers for hiring individuals from certain targeted groups who have consistently faced significant barriers to employment.	Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development	Tax Credit		
Business Development Tax Credit (BTC) Program	https://wedc.org/programs-and-resources/business-development-tax-credits/	Refundable tax credits may be provided to eligible businesses that create jobs, make capital improvements, invest in employee training, and/or locate or retain a corporate headquarters facility in Wisconsin. Credits can only be claimed in a tax year in which a company increases net employment in Wisconsin when compared to the previous tax year. This program provides the following tax credits: Job Creation: Up to 10% of annual wages paid to eligible employees earning at least 150% of federal minimum wage Job Training: Up to 50% of eligible training costs	Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation	Tax Credit		