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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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**TRENTON** – The New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development (NJDOL) has announced \$3 million in available grant funding through the Opportunity Partnership Grant (OPG) program, which helps displaced/dislocated workers secure gainful employment at sustainable wages by offering training tailored to the needs of [in-demand industries](#).

The OPG program provides training to fill workforce skills gaps, with trainees earning industry-valued credentials aimed at jumpstarting both their careers and earning potential.

“These grants are a crucial investment in our workforce, offering displaced workers a path to stable, well-paying jobs in sectors that need skilled talent,” **said Labor Commissioner Robert Asaro-Angelo**. “By providing targeted training, we’re helping individuals get back on their feet while filling critical workforce gaps.”

Eligible applicants include New Jersey Workforce Development Boards that engage external third-party training providers, post-secondary educational institutions, and eligible training providers approved by NJDOL. Training must lead to an industry-recognized certificate, credential, or licensure if required for job placement.

Proposals must include the training to be provided to the displaced/dislocated workers, with the intent to teach skills required by employer-partners to fill full-time job openings. Employer-partners can hire and retain selected individuals for at least six months following successful completion of training at a wage of \$18 or more per hour.

Applicants may be awarded up to \$10,000 per trainee, up to a maximum of \$300,000. Grant recipients must collaborate with a New Jersey One-Stop Career Center to recruit eligible training program candidates.

Entities eligible to apply for the grant include:

- New Jersey’s Workforce Development Boards (WDBs) who engage external, third-party training providers. Workforce Development Board applicants who apply as a service provider should adhere to [WIOA guidance](#).
- Post-secondary educational institutions.
- Registered Training Providers who are on the Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) and approved by [NJDOL Login](#).
- [Private Career Schools](#) that are approved by NJDOL and NJDOE. Current & Prospective Private Career Schools (PCS) (nj.gov)

Applicants must submit a letter of intent, be registered and approved by NJDOL in the online IGX grant management system, and complete and upload required documents.

### KEY DATES:

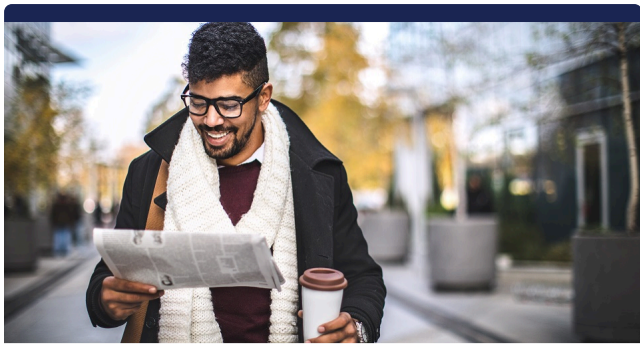
- Step One: IGX registration completed/updated by the Authorized Official: **October 29, 2025, by 3 p.m.**
- Step Two: Online Letter of Intent (LOI) form submitted by the applicant and accepted by NJDOL: **October 30, 2025, by 3 p.m.**
- Step Three Online application with all Required Documents uploaded, completed, and submitted in IGX: **December 17, 2025, by 3 p.m.**

View complete application instructions and the full Notice of Grant Opportunity [here](#).

To see all current NJDOL notices of grant opportunities, please visit: <https://www.nj.gov/labor/research-info/grants.shtml>.

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