871—70.5(84J) Application scoring criteria. When applications for financial assistance under the program are reviewed by department staff, the following criteria will be considered and the application scored as described.

70.5(1) The extent to which the applicant's investment demonstrates employer demand in this state for the training and education to be provided.

70.5(2) The extent to which the investment expands the physical capacity of the community college or apprenticeship program.

70.5(3) The extent to which the investment increases the number of workers in high-demand fields in this state. Priority points will be awarded for greater increased capacity.

70.5(4) The extent to which the applicant demonstrates regional need for increased capacity of trained individuals in the high-demand jobs.

70.5(5) Whether and the extent to which the applicant has previously received financial assistance from the program.

70.5(6) For awards under subsequent funding rounds, whether and the extent to which the applicant demonstrates increased training and education completions under previous projects.

70.5(7) The sufficiency of the proposed investment's financing structure, the feasibility of the sources of funds, and the appropriateness of the proposed uses of the funds.

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