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COVID-19 — CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND EARN AND LEARN GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Background. On October 19, 2020, Governor Reynolds and Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) announced a new application opportunity for the [Coronavirus Relief Fund Earn and Learn Grant](#), which is now open to applications from nonprofits, adult training providers, small businesses (less than 50 employees), post-secondary institutions, unions, and high schools. Previous [Coronavirus Relief Fund Employer Innovation Grant](#) and [Registered Apprenticeship Incentive Grant](#) recipients may apply to receive additional grant funds in accordance with the terms of the Earn and Learn Grant. The purpose of the Earn and Learn Grant is to fund projects that support the creation and expansion of short-term training programs and support services resulting in industry-recognized credentials. The projects must serve Iowans whose jobs have been affected by the pandemic.

Application Information. Applicants can apply for up to \$250,000 for the Coronavirus Relief Fund Earn and Learn Grant to support existing programs or develop new ones that provide training opportunities for Iowans to earn short-term credentials connected to high-demand jobs in Iowa. Funds may be used toward tuition, books, tools, work-related supplies, or wrap-around supports, and no more than 10.0% can be utilized for administrative costs, including office supplies, personnel, or marketing. As with all federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security ([CARES Act](#)) funding, these grant funds must be expended by December 31, 2020. All applications must be submitted through www.iowaGrants.gov by October 27, 2020, at 11:59 p.m.

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