

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS:



Cannabis Industry Training Program (CanTrain)

Does your organization provide workforce training for people to work in the legal cannabis industry in Minnesota?

- Your organization may be eligible for grant funding!
- CanTrain grant funding application deadline extended to January 8, 2026!
- [Find out more](#)

CanTrain is a competitive grant funding opportunity through the Department of Employment and Economic Development's (DEED's) Office of Adult Career Pathways. CanTrain grant funding is available for eligible organizations to train people for work in the legal cannabis industry and eligible individuals to acquire such training in Minnesota. Grant funding may also be used for eligible organizations to develop training programs and curriculum specific to the legal cannabis industry.



Training organization eligibility requirements

Organizations seeking funding must be capable of providing training relevant to the legal cannabis industry, particularly for individuals facing barriers to education or employment. Eligible organizations may include educational institutions, nonprofit organizations, private businesses, community groups (with the legal structure eligible for contracting and receiving payments), units of local government, labor organizations that represent cannabis workers in the state, or partnerships between different types of organizations.



Deadline extended to January 8, 2026

All applications must be time-stamped received by DEED no later 5:00 p.m. (CST) on January 8, 2026. Proposals should be submitted via email to acpgrants.deed@state.mn.us with the subject line "CanTrain Application – [insert applicant organization name]." The application form and all associated attachments should be saved and submitted as one PDF attachment (.pdf). Please respond in full to each prompt and submit all required attachments as instructed. Late or incomplete proposals will not be accepted.



More information

Access the application materials, view frequently asked questions and get more information about this grant program at <https://mn.gov/deed/about/contracts/> - just snap the QR code to access these online resources.