# EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

# MINNESOTA JOB SKILLS PARTNERSHIP Low Income Worker Training Program

# **Program Purpose:**

To help individuals with incomes at or below 200% of the federal poverty line receive training to acquire additional skills in order to move up the career ladder to higher paying jobs and economic self-sufficiency.

### How It Works:

The program is designed to provide block grants to eligible applicants, who in-turn, may issue vouchers to cover the cost of relatively short-term training for eligible individuals.

# **Eligible Applicants:**

Minnesota public, private, or nonprofit entities that provide employment services to low-income individuals, or partnerships of two or more of these entities.

#### **Minimum Requirements:**

Trainees must be training-ready individuals who have incomes at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty line.

# **Eligible Projects:**

Grant funds may be used for training-vouchers; training related materials and supplies; and when deemed appropriate by the Board, up to 10% of direct training costs may be used for project-related operational costs.



#### Terms:

Projects average one to two years in duration. The grant agreement must be executed within 90 days from the date of the award or the award becomes null and void.

# **Application Accepted:**

Applications for this program are accepted periodically through a grant application process. Grant application deadlines are posted on our website.

# Approving Authority:

Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Board.

# **Disbursement of Funds:**

Costs are paid on a reimbursement basis.

#### Contact:

To request additional information or a grant application, contact the Minnesota Job Skills Partnership at 651-259-7514 or visit our website at https://mn.gov/deed/mjsp/.



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