

Workforce Development Grant Programs

Program Descriptions

Workforce Development grants assist with education, training and career awareness initiatives that address regional workforce needs and gaps emerging in industries and schools.

Workforce Job Training grants assist with training costs for workers at new or expanding businesses as part of an Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation business development package to address employment and industry needs in the region.

Results

Documented results for fiscal year 2025 as of **September 2, 2025**.

Projects

Table one below provides an overview of the project funding across fiscal years 2024 (FY24), 2025 (FY25), 2026 (FY26) and 2027 (FY27), including program budget, number of grants, total agency investment, total project investment and leverage.

Table 1.

Project Funding	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
Budget	\$450,000	\$400,000		
Number of Grants	5	5		
Total Agency Investment	\$450,000	\$400,000		
Total Project Investment	\$1,175,750	\$761,180		
Leverage	1.6:1	0.9:1		

Key Impact Measures

Table two below provides an overview of key impact measures across fiscal years 2024 (FY24), 2025 (FY25), 2026 (FY26) and 2027 (FY27) projects, including graduates, certified or training completed, business partners and career pathway programs.

Table 2.

Key Impact Measures	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
Graduates, Certified or Training Completed	346	182		

Key Impact Measures	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
Business Partners	30	162		
Career Pathway Programs	13	22		

Fiscal Year 2025 Grants

Table three below provides an overview of the grantees, project descriptions, type of grants, locations, agency investments and total project investments.

Table 3.

Grantee	Project Description	Type of Grant	Location	Agency Investment	Total Project Investment
Minnesota North College	Support Cannabis Program Development	Job Training	Grand Rapids	\$50,000	\$50,000
Minnesota North College	Support Advanced Machine Guarding Solutions (AMGS) Robotics Training	Job Training	Hibbing	\$60,180	\$115,234
Minnesota North College	Support True North Stars Career Exploration program	Development	Taconite Assistance Area	\$75,000	\$152,742
Minnesota North College	Support emergency services and healthcare frontline worker training programs	Development	Taconite Assistance Area	\$175,000*	\$350,000
Northeast Service Cooperative	Support Northeast Minnesota Future Forward programming	Development	Taconite Assistance Area	\$39,820	\$93,204

**Project received agency funding from another fiscal year or program.*