

116L.12 FUNDING MECHANISM.

Subdivision 1. **Applications.** A qualifying consortium shall apply to the board in the manner specified by the board.

Subd. 2. [Repealed, 1Sp2001 c 9 art 6 s 8]

Subd. 3. **Program targets.** Applications for grants must describe targeted employers or types of employers and must describe the specific critical work force shortage the program is designed to alleviate. Programs may be limited geographically or be statewide. The application must include verification that in the process of determining that a critical work force shortage exists in the target area, the applicant has:

- (1) consulted available data on worker shortages;
- (2) conferred with other employers in the target area; and
- (3) compared shortages in the target area with shortages at the regional or statewide level.

Subd. 4. **Grants.** Within the limits of available appropriations, the board shall make grants not to exceed \$400,000 each to qualifying consortia to operate local, regional, or statewide training and retention programs. Grants may be made from TANF funds, general fund appropriations, and any other funding sources available to the board, provided the requirements of those funding sources are satisfied. A portion of a grant may be used for preemployment training. Grant awards must establish specific, measurable outcomes and timelines for achieving those outcomes.

Subd. 5. **Local match requirements.** A consortium must satisfy the match requirements established in section 116L.02, paragraph (a).

Subd. 6. **Ineligible worker categories.** Grants shall not be made to alleviate shortages of physicians, physician assistants, or advanced practice nurses.

Subd. 7. [Repealed, 1Sp2001 c 9 art 6 s 8]

History: 1999 c 245 art 10 s 5; 1Sp2001 c 9 art 6 s 2,3; 2002 c 379 art 1 s 113; 2003 c 128 art 13 s 31; 2006 c 281 art 4 s 8