116L.04 PARTNERSHIP POWER.

Subdivision 1. **Partnership program.** (a) The partnership program may provide grants-in-aid to educational or other nonprofit educational institutions using the following guidelines:

(1) the educational or other nonprofit educational institution is a provider of training within the state in either the public or private sector;

(2) the program involves skills training that is an area of employment need; and

(3) preference will be given to educational or other nonprofit training institutions which serve economically disadvantaged people, minorities, or those who are victims of economic dislocation and to businesses located in rural areas.

(b) A single grant to any one institution shall not exceed $500,000. A portion of a grant may be used for preemployment training.

(c) Each institution must provide for the dissemination of summary results of a grant-funded project, including, but not limited to, information about curriculum and all supporting materials developed in conjunction with the grant. Results of projects developed by any Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system institution must be disseminated throughout the system.

(d) At the discretion of the board, higher education institutions may charge up to a 30-percent increase on the direct project costs, not including equipment costs.

Subd. 1a. **Pathways program.** (a) The pathways program may provide grants-in-aid for developing programs which assist in the transition of persons from welfare to work and assist individuals at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. The program is to be operated by the board. The board shall consult and coordinate with program administrators at the Department of Employment and Economic Development to design and provide services for temporary assistance for needy families recipients.

(b) Pathways grants-in-aid may be awarded to educational or other nonprofit training institutions or to workforce development intermediaries for education and training programs and services supporting education and training programs that serve eligible recipients.

Preference shall be given to projects that:

(1) provide employment with benefits paid to employees;

(2) provide employment where there are defined career paths for trainees;

(3) pilot the development of an educational pathway that can be used on a continuing basis for transitioning persons from welfare to work; and

(4) demonstrate the active participation of Department of Employment and Economic Development workforce centers, Minnesota State College and University institutions and other educational institutions, and local welfare agencies.

(c) Pathways projects must demonstrate the active involvement and financial commitment of a participating business. Pathways projects must be matched with cash or in-kind contributions on at least a one-half-to-one ratio by a participating business.

(d) A single grant to any one institution shall not exceed $500,000. A portion of a grant may be used for preemployment training.

(e) At the discretion of the board, higher education institutions may charge up to a 30-percent increase on the direct project costs, not including equipment costs.

Subd. 2. **Information.** The board may collect and disseminate information concerning areas of projected employment need. The board may also prepare and publish studies, organize conferences, and conduct special projects which will increase knowledge and communication in the areas of employment need, skills training, and education.

Subd. 3. MS 1986 [Repealed, 1987 c 403 art 2 s 164]

Subd. 4. MS 2002 [Repealed, 2004 c 257 s 12]

History: *1983 c 334 s 4,7; 1Sp1985 c 14 art 9 s 6; 1987 c 384 art 3 s 27; 1987 c 386 art 10 s 8; 1987 c 401 s 36; 1989 c 335 art 1 s 167,270; 1997 c 200 art 1 s 58,59; 1999 c 223 art 2 s 30; 2000 c 488 art 2 s 6; 2001 c 181 s 2; 1Sp2001 c 4 art 2 s 4; 2003 c 128 art 13 s 29,30; 2004 c 206 s 52; 2006 c 281 art 4 s 6,7; 2007 c 135 art 2 s 13; 2008 c 363 art 10 s 11; 2023 c 33 s 4; 1Sp2025 c 6 art 4 s 8,9*