

Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grants (SCC4)

Department of Labor

Employment and Training Administration



Grant overview

The fourth round of Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grants (SCC4), a Department of Labor program, will increase the capacity and responsiveness of community colleges to meet the skill development needs of employers and equitably support students in obtaining good jobs in in-demand industries.

Applicants will be asked to justify strategies rooted in evidence to build further evidence on the effectiveness of sector-based career pathways programs that lead to positive employment outcomes. These strategies will also address identified equity gaps to increase full access to educational and economic opportunity—particularly for individuals from historically underserved communities.

All those receiving an award are required to do a rigorous implementation or developmental evaluation through a qualified third-party, and this is an allowable cost of the award. In addition, applicants may opt to apply for additional evaluation funding beyond the standard grant award range to support a rigorous outcome, impact, or behavioral interventions study that assesses the effectiveness of the interventions, including whether the service delivery advances equity or other outcomes.

In previous rounds of funding, this opportunity was built around four core elements: 1) Advancing Equity, 2) Accelerated Career Pathways, 3) Results-Driven Project Design, and 4) Sustainable Systems Change.

Eligible applicants

Applicants may apply as individual institutions of higher education (institutions) or as part of a consortium of institutions. For both single and consortium applicants, the lead entity must be a community college that is a public institution of higher education as defined in Section 101(a) of the Higher Education Act, and at which the associate degree is primarily the highest degree awarded.

The Department will award bonus points to lead applicants that are Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Tribal Colleges or Universities, Minority-Serving Institutions, or Strengthening Institutions Programs using Department of Education eligibility indicators.

Funding available

Approximately \$65,000,000 will be available to fund SCC4 program grants with a ceiling amount of up to \$5,750,000 for SCC4 program grant applicants.

Deadline

It is estimated that SCC4 will open in the fall of 2023.

Additional information

- [Grants.gov posting](#)
- [Program Page](#)
- [FAQs](#)

History of funding

- [Round 3 Awards](#)
- [Round 2 Awards](#)
- [Round 1 Awards](#)

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