Office of Skills Development
Workforce Training Grants

Need funding for qualified training?

Office of Skills Development (OSD) Grants support development of the Arkansas workforce by strategically investing in training programs that are prioritized by employer needs and economic impact.

Business, post-secondary institutions, and associations are eligible to apply. Grant funds are matching funds, paid as post-training reimbursements upon receipt of supporting documentation. Grants are available to support trainings according to the OSD Grants Rules and Regulations that fall into the four categories below.

**Grow Our Own**
Available to organizations headquartered in Arkansas with 250 or fewer employees.

**Customized Technical**
It is typically associated with highly technical training that is specific to or customized for a certain industry, skill, or equipment.

**Professional Development**
Typically classroom training associated with soft skills or core academic skills, as would apply to a large set of employees. Primary examples include those related to Microsoft Office products as well as Leadership, Supervision, Conflict Resolution, Safety and the like.

**Skills Gap**
Addresses critical gaps in workforce skills having the most direct impact on skills and economic attainment, typically demanded by a regional or industry-wide need, not a single organization.