

# NEXT GENERATION INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP GRANTS

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Are matching funds required?**

Yes. Convening Grants require a \$1:1 in-kind match. Implementation Grants require a private sector cash match of at least 50 percent.

### **What is the total amount of funds available?**

A total of up to \$4.6 million will be made available; up to \$750,000 for Convening Grants and up to \$3.85 million for Implementation Grants.

### **Is there a cap on requested funds?**

Yes. Applicants may apply for Convening Grants for up to \$45,000 and Implementation Grants for up to \$250,000.

### **Who is eligible to apply?**

LWDBs will serve as fiscal agent for all grant awards. Eligible applicants include LWDBs, labor organizations, economic development organizations, industry associations, local education agencies, education intermediaries, post-secondary education providers, community-based organizations, libraries, and nonprofits.

### **How do I apply?**

Applicants must complete the grant applications for both Convening and Implementation Grants online:

Convening Grant: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/PAsmartConveningIP](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PAsmartConveningIP)

Implementation Grant: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/PAsmartImplementationIP](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PAsmartImplementationIP)

### **Is there a deadline to apply?**

Yes. Convening and Implementation Grant applications are due **December 14, 2018, at 11:59 P.M. (EST)**. Additional rounds of both Convening and Implementation Grants may be announced, based on the availability of funds.

### **Who evaluates proposals?**

Proposals will be reviewed by an inter-agency team of evaluators with subject matter expertise.

### **What is the activity period for the grant contract?**

The activity period will begin February 1, 2019 and end on June 30, 2020.

### **If successful, how will funds be disbursed?**

Funds will be disbursed to the LWDB through a complete Notice of Obligation.

### **Will Next Generation Industry Partnership Convening and Implementation Grants be open to new and existing partnerships?**

Yes, all partnerships are eligible to apply for one or both grant opportunities.

### **What is the anticipated award date for Next Generation Industry Partnership grants?**

Awards will be announced in early 2019.



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### **Will there be additional Next Generation Industry Partnership grant opportunities available in the future?**

Depending on the availability of funds, there may be a second round of Convening and Implementation grants in the future.

### **To whom should the required letters of support be addressed?**

Please address letters of support to the Secretary of Labor and Industry Jerry Oleksiak.

### **If a local workforce development board is the lead applicant, must they provide a letter of support from another workforce development entity?**

No, a letter of support from the applying local workforce development board will suffice. The same holds true if the lead application is an economic development or education entity.

### **Are there page limits for application submissions?**

No; however, each question in the application has a specific word limit.

### **Can a partnership use Convening Grant funds for consultants and/or facilitation?**

Yes, both are allowable expenses outlined in the RFP.

### **Can a partnership utilize Implementation Grant funds to convene the partnership?**

Partnerships may utilize up to 10 percent of the Implementation Grant for administration. A partnership could utilize these administration funds to convene the partnership. The remaining 90 percent are programmatic funds to implement the partnership's action and sustainability plans, and may not be used for convening.

### **If a partnership plans to use Implementation Grant funds for training, must the partnership submit a training plan?**

No, partnerships are not required to submit a training plan. However, partnerships must enter training participant information in the Commonwealth Workforce Development System (CWDS).

### **If successful, how will funds be disbursed?**

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### **For the Implementation Grant private sector cash match requirement, can the required 50 percent cash match include foundation money?**

The private sector cash match must come from businesses actively engaged in the partnership. While we encourage partnerships to explore all avenues to leverage non-commonwealth funding, foundation money will not count towards the private sector cash match requirement.