



**Growing Registered Apprenticeships and Pre-Apprenticeships in Pennsylvania Grant Program
Bidders Conference
March 30, 2022
10:00 AM**

Questions and Answers

The following is a list of questions and answers from the PAsmart Growing Registered Apprenticeships and Pre-Apprenticeships in Pennsylvania Bidders Conference held on Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at 10 AM via Microsoft Teams.

1. Where can applicants find a list of currently registered apprenticeship or pre-apprenticeship programs in their respective area(s) or region(s)?

For a list of currently registered apprenticeship or pre-apprenticeship programs in specific areas or regions, applicants may email the Apprenticeship and Training Office's resource account at apprenticeship@pa.gov. The Apprenticeship and Training Office will respond to all requests accordingly. Applicants may also search for apprenticeship programs currently registered at <https://www.pacareerlink.pa.gov/jponline/Apprenticeships>. Please be aware that this search mechanism may not reflect programs registered prior to March 2021.

2. Are current grantees eligible to apply for this round of funding with a different project?

Yes. Current PAsmart grantees are eligible to apply for this round of funding. Please note that projects proposed must focus on programs in the building and construction trades.

3. Can apprenticeship programs with a grant under consideration for the August 2021 PAsmart funding opportunity also submit an application in response to this NGA?

Yes. Organizations or entities that have applied and are currently under consideration for the PAsmart PY20-21 Growing Registered Apprenticeships and Pre-Apprenticeships in Pennsylvania grants initiative released in August 2021 may submit an application in response to this NGA. Please note that projects being proposed in response to this funding opportunity must focus on programs in the building and construction trades.

4. If planning to build a new pre-apprenticeship program, is it necessary to have apprentice sponsor locked in prior to application?

A sponsor does not necessarily need to be locked in prior to application. However, all applicants are *strongly encouraged* to have a sponsor identified by the time of application. Please note that all programs funded through this grant will need to be registered by January 2023. If funded programs have not been registered by that time, the grantee will need to demonstrate progress in attempting to register the program. Therefore, it will be vital for applicants to have an idea as to who they will be partnering with in order to meet the registration requirement in a timely manner. All applicants are encouraged to be as detailed as possible within their proposals.

5. Will a copy of this recording be made accessible to bidders?

Yes. A recording of the bidders conference and a copy of the conference slide deck will be made accessible to bidders at <https://www.dli.pa.gov/Businesses/Workforce-Development/grants/Pages/default.aspx>. In addition, all questions and answers from the conference will be transcribed and uploaded to this webpage.

6. If we are looking to partner with others in our area, is there a mechanism to be connected to folks looking for partners?

There is no specific mechanism to connect applicants with potential partners. It is the responsibility of applicants to determine potential partners for their respective projects. However, the Apprenticeship and Training Office may be able to provide resources to a reasonable and acceptable extent. Applicants may email the Apprenticeship and Training Office's resource account at apprenticeship@pa.gov for additional information.

The following question was submitted to the Apprenticeship and Training Office's grants resource account on Thursday, March 31, 2022.

1. Is \$1.5 million the total amount available to distribute amongst all successful applicants, or is that the total available to each applicant?

\$1.5 million is available to distribute amongst **all** applicants. Maximum awards up to \$400,000 will be awarded for apprenticeship and/or pre-apprenticeship programs that have a single-county or localized reach (less than three counties served). Maximum awards up to \$650,000 will be awarded for apprenticeship and/or pre-apprenticeship programs that have a statewide or multi-county reach. Please note that programs are considered to have multi-county reach if they serve three or more counties. Applicants are reminded that specific outcomes are associated with each award cap.