

Memorandum

To: Employment Ontario Partners

From: **Ken Nakahara**
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Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills
Development

Date: **July 29, 2024**

Subject: **2024-25 Skills Development Fund Training Stream**

Dear Employment Ontario delivery partners,

I'm pleased to inform you that our ministry is now accepting applications for another funding round of our Skills Development Fund Training Stream. The program enables project-based solutions that offer partnership-driven approaches to stimulate growth in emerging and key growth sectors of Ontario's economy. Economic growth is central to the government's agenda. By addressing ongoing labour shortages and workforce development challenges, the government is bridging the gap between the knowledge people have and the skills employers need to grow Ontario's workforce.

The ministry is interested in a broad range of projects that train people for occupations in high-skilled and in-demand sectors. By doing this, we're building a resilient workforce and helping employers find the talent they need to grow Ontario's economy.

Proposals should demonstrate how they will support one or more of the following objectives:

- Help develop a resilient workforce by supporting access to the labour market and supporting employers' ability to retain workers and build capacity.

- Encourage partnerships across the economy and support new innovative training solutions and improve the capacity of communities to respond to shocks to labour market conditions in in-demand, emerging and essential sectors.
- Support in-demand sectors that align with core government objectives such as manufacturing, technology, and construction labour to support increasing the housing supply in the province.

How to Apply

Beginning July 29, 2024, organizations can apply for the Skills Development Fund Training Stream. Applications will be accepted for ministry review on a continuous basis until October 4, 2024, or until funding has been fully committed. Projects will be prioritized based on the strength of their application. Applicants will be required to adequately demonstrate estimated costs and how they align with project objectives and focus areas, as well as key performance indicators (KPIs) to measure the success of their proposed program. Applicants are encouraged to apply early.

Interested organizations should start by registering on [Transfer Payment Ontario \(TPON\)](#), Ontario's online application system for grant funding. Registered organizations will then be able to access the ministry's Service Provider Connect (SP-Connect) platform, from where they can complete and submit an application.

Prospective applicants can also find more information, including detailed eligibility criteria and target sectors and occupations in the program guide, available on the [Employment Ontario Partners' Gateway](#). Additional information is also available on [Ontario.ca](#).

Given the broad scope of the Skills Development Fund Training Stream, organizations currently pursuing funding for new or existing projects through other Employment Ontario programming are encouraged to check whether their projects could be funded through the Skills Development Fund Training Stream and apply under this process. If you have further questions after reviewing program materials online, please contact SkillsDevelopmentFund@ontario.ca.

Please share this information with organizations in your communities that may be interested in applying. Thank you for your support in helping to promote awareness of this program.

Sincerely,

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