



Through its committees, programs, and collaborations the Idaho Workforce Development Council helps to connect Idahoans to career opportunities, and Idaho's employers to a qualified workforce.

## Who We Are

Established in 2017, the Council is made up of 37 Governor appointed members from throughout the state, including 17 Idaho employers, 10 state government representatives, 7 workforce representatives, a member from each chamber of the legislature, and a representative of the Governor.

Represented industry sectors include Healthcare, Construction, Technology, Aerospace, Energy, Finance, Professional Services, and Advanced Manufacturing. The Council also serves as the State Workforce Investment Board.

### Vision

We envision a future where Idaho's diverse and prepared workforce meets the needs of our unique communities and employers.

### Mission

We champion strategies that prepare Idahoans for careers that meet employers' needs.

## What We Do

**The Council's work is focused on three strategic goals:**

- Providing for the most efficient use of federal, state, and local workforce development resources.
- Increasing the public awareness of and access to career education and training opportunities.
- Improving the effectiveness, quality, and coordination of programs and services designed to maintain a highly skilled workforce.

The Workforce Development Council funds employer, industry, outreach, and public sector projects that increase the economic mobility of Idahoans, support growth of the economy, and develop Idaho's workforce pipeline.

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## Grants

### Industry Sector Grant

Designed to engage employers in developing new training solutions that address Idaho's workforce issues and fill skills gaps.

Basic Requirements:

### Innovation Grant

Funds projects that address local workforce development needs. Projects may provide skills training to individuals and/or assist individuals with connecting to careers.

Basic Requirements:

### Employer Grant

Available to Idaho employers who are increasing their current workforce and/or retraining existing workers with skills necessary for specific economic opportunities or industrial expansion initiatives.

Basic Requirements:



### Outreach Projects

These grants are for projects that provide public information and outreach on career education and workforce training opportunities, including existing education and training programs and services not funded by the training fund.

Basic Requirements:

### Childcare Expansion Grants

New in 2022, these grants are awarded to projects that will increase the number of child care seats available to working families by targeting employers and/or child care providers willing to build new on-site or near-site child care facilities or expand existing facilities.

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