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MEMORANDUM

TO: Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations
FROM: Charles Perusse *Charles Perusse*
SUBJECT: Grant Award

Pursuant to Session Law 2021-180 Section 4.2(a), the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) submits the attached Notification of Grant Award - Apprenticeship Building America (ABA) Grant Program - from the North Carolina Department of Community Colleges System for consultation with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact me by email to charles.perusse@osbm.nc.gov.

Thank you.

cc: Chairs, Senate Committee on Appropriations/Base Budget
Chairs, House Appropriations Committee
Fiscal Research Division

Attachment

30 Purpose of grant or amendment

Apprenticeship Building America (ABA) grants will accelerate the Administration's goals and priorities for an equitable economic recovery post-COVID-19 pandemic by connecting more Americans to good jobs and careers in priority industry sectors, including those industries impacted by the pandemic, such as transportation and other occupations and industries in the critical supply chain. Projects for the grant are to be focused on equity partnerships and pre-apprenticeship activities. ApprenticeshipNC is the State Apprenticeship Agency (SAA) for North Carolina. It is the responsibility of the SAA to promote, develop, register, and approve apprenticeship programs. ApprenticeshipNC anticipates a portion of funding to support full-time ApprenticeshipNC positions (salary, fringe, and travel) dedicated to this work. In addition, the following budget items are being considered:
Item 1: Historically Black College or University (HBCU) connection to expand Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAPs) to include baccalaureate degree attainment. We hope to work with one or both NCPromise HBCUs.
Item 2: Apprenticeship Connector Hub project (system modernization project)-working independently or in partnership with several state and national entities to create a more seamless portal or integrated service delivery model for our citizens to access career information, educational programs, pre-apprenticeship and RAPs, and job and career connections.
Item 3: Education assistance through NC community colleges, taking the high growth areas in Gaston, Catawba, Durham, Orange, New Hanover, and Pender counties, and "new" RAP concept for teachers (using a TN model) and a "new" RAP plan for life sciences/biomanufacturing. Clean energy occupations will most likely be included.
Item 4: Employer incentives/support services

31 Comments

Return completed form as email attachment and indicate in message that proper agency sign-offs have been obtained. Contact your OSBM budget analyst if you have questions.