



What the DOL Looks for in a Proposal

The Department of Labor gives grants to proposals that will help people in the labor force. The programs listed above offer support to a wide range of proposal varieties, including the research and implementation of employee training, education, support for veterans and disabled workers, the overall well-being of employees, and the collection of general statistics regarding labor force activities. Grants will only be given if the proposal will substantially help any of these areas, and you must be able to show how your proposal will positively affect a community and/or its people.

Available Grant Programs

The Department of Labor gives grants through the following programs:

- **Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)**
- **Employment and Training (ETA)**
- **Mine Safety and Health (MSHA)**
- **Occupational Safety and Health (OSHA)**
- **Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP)**
- **Veterans' Employment and Training (VETS)**

Detailed descriptions of these programs are available on the DOL website: www.dol.gov

How To Apply for Grants Through the DOL

In order to apply for grants through the Department of Labor, you must go through the following steps:

- **Step 1** — Find Grant Opportunity For Which You Would Like to Apply
- **Step 2** — Download Application Package
- **Step 3** — Register with Central Contractor Registry
- **Step 4** — Register with Credential Provider
- **Step 5** — Register with Grants.gov
- **Step 6** — Log on to Grants.gov

Recommendation

The Department of Labor would be a good place to look for a grant if your topic deals with people in the workforce. This could include health, safety, training, statistics, or overall employment issues. Keep in mind that this focuses on the workers and employment programs rather than companies themselves. Therefore, if you are dealing with a topic that is interested more in any function of an organization that doesn't concern its people, this probably wouldn't be a good choice as a funding source.

Mission Statement

“The Department of Labor fosters and promotes the welfare of the job seekers, wage earners, and retirees of the United States by improving their working conditions, advancing their opportunities for profitable employment, protecting their retirement and health care benefits, helping employers find workers, strengthening free collective bargaining, and tracking changes in employment, prices, and other national economic measurements. In carrying out this mission, the Department administers a variety of Federal labor laws including those that guarantee workers' rights to safe and healthful working conditions; a minimum hourly wage and overtime pay; freedom from employment discrimination; unemployment insurance; and other income support.”