

# State Apprenticeship Expansion, Equity, and Innovation (SAEEI)

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USDOL/ETA APPRENTICESHIP GRANT OPPORTUNITY

MAY 2021

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Apprenticeship  
Minnesota  
Expanding  
through Equity  
and Innovation

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Grant Overview

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Opportunities and Benefits

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Integrating with the Workforce  
Development System

# Grant summary

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**Application due: 4:00 pm, April 26, 2021**

**ETA grant name: State Apprenticeship Expansion, Equity, and Innovation (SAEEI)**

**Period of performance: 48 months**

The anticipated start date is July 1, 2021 (July 1, 2021– June 30, 2025)

Note: MNRAE ends June 30, 2022, MN CERA ends June 30, 2023

**Award amounts: \$2,000,000 to \$10,000,000**

# Grant goals

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1. System expansion to support the development, modernization, and diversification of RAPs;
2. Partnership and alignment to support workforce system integration;
3. Increasing the number of apprentices enrolled in RAPs, including underrepresented populations; and
4. Innovation in program development and recruitment strategies.

# Funding requirement

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Funding Amount Request Range	Minimum Individuals who Newly Enroll in a RAP as a Result of this Grant (~July 2021 – June 2025)
\$2,000,000 - \$3,999,999	500
\$4,000,000 - \$5,999,999	750
\$6,000,000 - \$7,999,999	1,000
\$8,000,000 - \$10,000,000	1,250

# Target Populations

- ❖ Youth
- ❖ Women
- ❖ People of Color
- ❖ Formerly incarcerated individuals
- ❖ Persons with disabilities
- ❖ Protected groups identified in 29 CFR Part 30. 1
- ❖ Commitment to prioritizing veterans
- ❖ Interest in targeting populations and industries most affected or displaced as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic

In many ways this grant is similar to recent USDOL/ETA Apprenticeship grants, yet there are some new elements.

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**SIMILAR:**

**Funding is allowed for:**

Pre-apprenticeship programs;

Development of new RAPs;

OJT, RTI and supportive services funding;

Data systems;

Communications;

Outreach.

Also similar is the required WIPS reporting (participant level) which DLI is now equipped to handle due to MNRAE.

**NEW:**

**This grant requires:**

Stronger, more intentional partnerships, with letters of commitment or MOUs provided as part of the application;

Braided funding with other federal, state, local and private funding sources;

DLI to put additional emphasis on DEI efforts.

## Benefits to and Opportunities for Minnesota

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Support for pre-apprenticeship programs opens opportunities for underrepresented communities;

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Career exploration presents opportunities to develop and build partnerships with and between schools, sponsors, CBOs, tribal nations;

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Expanding DEI stakeholder engagement is critical to Minnesota's workforce right now;

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Expanded engagement with the Department of Veterans Affairs is a great opportunity;

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Providing Minnesotans with opportunities to advance their careers and better their lives is part of DLI's mission.

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## Integrating with the Workforce Development System

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Pairing DLI RA field reps with Job Service staff and WIOA program counselors to increase understanding and awareness of RAP opportunities;

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Increasing prominence of RA information on CareerForceMN.com website;

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Connecting RA field reps with Veterans Employment Service specialists;

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Linking RA field reps with Vocational Rehabilitation Specialists;

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Continuing to promote RAP opportunities on MinnesotaWorks.net;

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Repeating and expanding communications with RAP sponsors;

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Extending the shared use of Workforce One to track grant-supported apprentices.

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Questions, discussion  
and ...what next?

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