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Request For Proposals – 2016 Nevada Workforce Innovation

Las Vegas, NV – The [Governor's Office of Workforce Innovation](#) (OWINN) is pleased to announce the FY 2016 Nevada Workforce Innovation Grants Request For Proposals (RFP). Eligible organizations are encouraged to apply for funding of up to \$150,000. This is an excellent opportunity for organizations to grow the impact of successful, innovative programs that are actively reducing barriers for youth, adults, and the re-entry population to access training, skills, and employment.

Key goals of the Workforce Innovation Grant is to increase access for Nevadans, especially those faced with barriers to employment, education, training, and support services they need to succeed in the labor market as well as strengthen the alignment of workforce investment, education, and economic development systems through strong partnerships.

Successful applicants will need to provide clear examples of proven best practices from which other organizations and programs within the workforce development system can learn. Additionally, a strong emphasis will be placed on programs or strategies that create partnerships, specifically cross-agency or cross-sector collaborations. [OWINN](#) anticipates granting approximately 6-10 awards of up to \$150,000 to new and existing innovative workforce development programs that meet specific criteria. The funds are drawn from the Governor's reserve from the 2014 reauthorized federal workforce innovation and opportunity act.

“Youth, formerly incarcerated individuals, and adult subgroups such as veterans, dislocated workers, or individuals with disabilities face greater challenges when it comes to employment,” said Manny Lamarre, who leads the OWINN office. “We need to tap into these populations as a source of talent and to do that we need to know more about innovative programs and strategies.”

RFPs for the FY 2016 Nevada Workforce Innovation Grants are due October 21, 2016. Finalists will be named early November. All grants are contingent on approval by the Board of Examiners. For more information or to apply, please visit the [OWINN website](#) and download the application titled *RFP 2016 Workforce Innovation Grants* under “Important Links.”