**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

**MassHire Department of Career Services**

**Call for Ideas Proposal Template**

**Funding Opportunity Title: Critical Sector Job Quality Grants Funding Opportunity**

**MassHire Workforce Board:**

**Contact Person**:

**Instructions:** Please review [FOA-ETA-23-13](https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/347671) in its entirety. Please provide a 2-3 page summary of the project proposed for your local area using this template. MDCS will review and consider all submissions.

Indicate the funding tier that you are interested in applying for:

[ ]  Tier 1: Developing New Partnerships and Programs (Planning Grants) Up to $500,000 over 18 months.

[ ]  Tier 2: Launching Effective Worker-Centered Sector Strategy Programs (Implementation Grants) From $500,000-$3,000,000 over 3 yrs.

1. **Project Summary**

Applicants must briefly describe their proposed project and how it will achieve the goal of the

Critical Sector Job Quality Grants funding opportunity.

Please address:

The Department of Labor is requiring applicants to address “core elements” across these models in their plans to help funded projects accomplish the goals for the Critical Sectors Job Quality Grant program. The four core elements that both tiers of applicants must address (found on page 5 of the full announcement of [FOA-ETA-23-13](https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/347671)) are: Job Quality Strategy; Strategic Partnerships; Industry-driven Workforce Development; and Worker Voice and Engagement. Please use the “core elements” in your responses to the following:

1. The strategic partners who have or will inform a successful project design.
2. The service area, expected outcomes, and intended beneficiaries.
3. How the proposed project will achieve the Critical Sector Job Quality Grants goals.

**2. Service Delivery**

1. What anticipated employment and training activities, including supportive services, will applicants provide eligible participants, and how will applicants carry out these activities?
2. What is the strategy for identifying and enrolling eligible participants?
3. Projected number of participants to be served.
4. Funding requested.

**3. Project Timeline**

Please provide a summary of proposed activities and project milestones covering either 18 months or 3 years, depending on the Tier path.

**4. Proposal Submission**

Please submit to Gregory Jackson at Gregory.Jackson@mass,gov and Jack Rhatigan at john.rhatigan@mass.gov by close of business on **Monday, June 3, 2024.**