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CW Fund FY 2025 Notice of Funding Opportunity

Opening Date: March 15, 2024

Closing Date : April 15, 2024

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The CNMI Department of Labor is issuing its call for FY 2025 CW Fund proposals.

As instructed by the U.S. Department of Labor - Employment and Training Administration, the Department must provide an expenditure plan that accurately meets statutory requirements. The Department therefore urges all applicants to provide the following:

1. A plan for the expenditures of (CW Fund) amounts;
2. A projection of effectiveness of such expenditures in the placement of United States workers into jobs held by non-US workers; and
3. A report on the changes in employment of United States workers attributable to the previous year's CW Fund expenditures.

Include in your CW Fund FY 2025 application, to the greatest extent possible, all three of the statutorily required components or an explanation for why any of this information is not included in your application packet.

In addition, the Department urges all CW Fund applicants to fulfill the following:

1. The vocational education, apprenticeship or training entity must address workforce needs by formulating a plan to provide or offer services to individuals who may fall into any of the categories found in any of the following data sources:
 - a. The top 10 ONET Occupations compiled from the CNMI DOL JVA postings in the Division of Employment Services annual or quarterly reports (found at marianaslabor.net, Employment Services Division, under reports OR labor.cnmi.gov, Divisions and Programs, Employment Services, Annual or Quarterly Reports).

b. Office of Foreign Labor Certification CW transitional worker program in the CNMI Selected Statistics Historical Program Fact Sheets for the last three (3) years.

2. The vocational education, apprenticeship or training entity must satisfy the terms and conditions found in the attached Memorandum of Agreement.

Given the established deadlines and necessary time for review, the Department must impose a strict deadline of **April 15, 2024** for the receipt of all documents and information. Failure to timely submit the required documents or necessary information may jeopardize your entity's opportunity for federal funding. Please submit your application and any supplementary information relevant to your FY 2025 CW Fund application to mcoates@dol.gov.mp.

The Department looks forward to working with you in serving the Commonwealth workforce. If you have any questions, please contact me or Mariana Coates at tel. (670) 664-3196 or email leila.staffler@dol.gov.mp or mcoates@dol.gov.mp.

Sincerely,



LEILA STAFFLER
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