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CW Fund FY 2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity

Opening Date: March 1, 2025

Closing Date : April 18, 2025

Hafa Adai & Tirow,

The CNMI Department of Labor is issuing a call for FY 2026 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. Those requirements include:

1. A plan for the expenditure of CW Funds; and
2. A projection of effectiveness of such expenditures in the placement of United States workers into jobs held by non-US workers.

Include in your CW Fund FY 2026 application, to the greatest extent possible, 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 align with CNMI workforce needs by developing a plan to provide education and training based on the following data sources:

1. CNMI DOL Job Vacancy Announcements (JVA)– The top 10 ONET occupations from JVA postings, available in the Division of Employment Services' annual or quarterly reports at <http://www.labor.cnmi.gov> under Employment Services Division > Reports.
2. U.S. DOL Office of Foreign Labor Certification (OFLC) – CWF Transitional Worker Program Selected Statistics and Historical Program Fact Sheets.

Vocational education, apprenticeship, or education and training plans should be tailored to the business community's needs as reflected in CNMI DOL JVA postings. Funding will prioritize entities addressing the most critical workforce shortages to ensure a skilled labor force for CNMI

businesses. It is highly recommended that entities review the attached CWF Criteria and Scoring Rubric to guide their application.

Given the established deadlines and necessary time for review, the Department must impose a strict deadline of **April 18, 2025** for the receipt of all applications. Failure to submit the required documents or necessary information on time may jeopardize your entity's opportunity for CW Funding. Please submit your application and any supplementary information relevant to your FY 2026 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 e.tebuteb@dol.gov.mp or mcoates@dol.gov.mp.

Sincerely,


LEILA STAFFLER
Secretary of Labor

Attachments:

FY26 CWF Application
CWF Criteria and Scoring Rubric
FY26 CWF Timelines
CWF MOA
CWF Quarterly Finance Report Template
CWF Quarterly Program Report Template