

Workforce Development Funding in Oregon

Chapter 660 of the Oregon Revised Statutes and amendments proposed in HB 3029 (2025) describe four key avenues for workforce development funding:

- **Prosperity 10,000**
- **Industry Engagement Grants**
- **Workforce Ready Grants, and**
- **Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title I-B programs.**

The legislature can use these funding levers to identify and respond to regional and statewide critical workforce shortages and strategic workforce opportunities.

Acronyms:

HECC: Higher Education Coordinating Commission

LWDBs: Local Workforce Development Boards

WIOA: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

WTDB: Workforce and Talent Development Board

	Prosperity 10,000	Industry Engagement Grants	Workforce Ready Grants	Federal WIOA Title I-B Programs
<i>Impact area</i>	Regional	Regional	Regional and statewide	Regional and statewide
<i>Primary goal</i>	Meet local workforce needs and increase workforce participation among certain underrepresented communities.	Increase coordination between local businesses and other local workforce partners.	Grow and diversify employment in key sectors—healthcare, manufacturing, and technology—to meet Oregon’s critical workforce shortages.	Provide career training and supportive services to youth, adults, and dislocated workers in Oregon.
<i>Control of funds</i>	LWDBs identify regional workforce priorities to be addressed through this funding.	WTDB sets criteria and standards; LWDBs convene regional sector partnerships.	Legislature and WTDB identify industries and occupations experiencing workforce shortages; HECC makes grants in consultation with Industry Consortia, LWDBs, and the WTDB.	HECC makes grants in consultation with the WTDB and—for the WIOA youth program—the Oregon Youth Works Advisory Board.
<i>Eligible entities</i>	Local Workforce Development Boards	Local Workforce Development Boards	Community-based organizations and other workforce service providers	Local Workforce Development Boards

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