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APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

Pre-Apprenticeship Application Evaluation Criteria

All eligible applications are reviewed using consistent criteria designed to support high-quality pre-apprenticeship opportunities and workforce development goals.

Eligibility Review

- ✓Submitted by the deadline
- ✓Includes required documentation
- ✓Meets elligibility requirments
- ✓Aligns with funding requirments

Only eligible applications move forward for competitive review.

Program Design & Allignment

How well the proposed program addresses workforce needs and supports pathways into apprenticeship opportunities.

Employer Engagement & Apprenticeship Connections

The strength of employer partnerships and apprenticeship opportunties available to participants.

Outcomes & Performance Measures

The quality of proposed outcomes and plans for measuring success and impact.

Budget & Cost Effectiveness

Whether the proposed budget reasonably supports the project goals and activities.

Recruitment & Participant Support

Strategies for recruiting participants are viable and support successful program completion.

Organizational Capacity & Experience

The organization's experience, staffing and resources needed to successfully implement the project are sufficient.

Sustainability

The plan for long-term impact and continuation of pre-apprenticeship after the state incentive period ends.

Funding Decisions

Funding recomendations are based on overall application quality, alignment with program goals, demonstrated capacity, anticipated impact, and available funding.

Submission of an application does not guarantee funding.