

Automotive and Diesel Technician Training

RFP Q&A

Q1. Given the 5-month timeline of this grant, how important is it that participants in this program to be placed into employment upon completion of this grant (i.e. how soon after a participant completes this grant, must they be employed)?

A. The time for implementation of this grant is limited. Please focus your proposal on what can reasonably be accomplished in this five-month timeframe. It is important to acknowledge the broader intent of the budget language and your project should be placed in that context, however, we understand that it is unreasonable to expect that training and placement can occur in such a short timeframe.

Q2. Where the RFP mentions advanced automotive and diesel technician training is it referring to one inclusive or two different types of auto technicians' training?

A. Proposals may address automotive training or diesel training or both.

Q3. How will you review proposals? Who is involved?

A. An impartial team will be formed to read and score proposals. The scoring will be guided by a rubric which will be closely aligned to the Request for Proposals. The recommendations for grant awards will be based upon the scores and other feedback from the reader team regarding the response of the proposal to the RFP, in context of the limited timeframe of this grant.

Q4. Is there any guidance/reports related to the Commonwealth's need/intent for this funding opportunity?

A. The Department of Higher Education is not aware of any formal reports that address the specific needs for automotive and diesel technician training in the workforce. However the Skills Cabinet Regional Blueprints <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/view-your-regions-blueprint> may provide a source of information regarding workforce demand data.

Q5. Are the budget and budget narrative a part of the 10-page maximum length?

A. The Budget and Budget Narrative will be counted as part of the 10-page proposal narrative.