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PacMtn Accepting Responses to RFP for Quality Jobs, Equity, Strategy, and Training (QUEST) Grants

PacMtn seeks applications from non-profit and for-profit entities who specialize in economic development, including: Chambers of Commerce, Economic Development Councils, Indian tribal governments, industry associations, merchant groups, and Visitor Bureaus. As well as education and training providers, including; K12, post-secondary, higher education, and Eligible Training Providers, as listed on www.careerbridge.wa.gov, that enhance existing local projects or support the development of new regional efforts to implement programs and strategies designed to meet the needs of employers in the following sectors:

- Food & Accommodations (Hospitality)
- Food Production (Key occupations related to Hospitality, crop production, livestock production, and meat production)
- Specialty Manufacturing

In July of 2022, the Employment and Training Administration of the U.S. Department of Labor announced the availability of funding for Quality Jobs, Equity, Strategy, and Training (QUEST) Disaster Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grants and Washington state Workforce Development partners were successful in bidding for these funds. These funds are to advance efforts and allow grantees to create a resilient, skilled workforce in critical, in-demand industry sectors in the region, and support those impacted by Covid.

PacMtn will award \$300,000 in total. Single organizations are eligible to apply, but consortiums are preferred. Maximum awards for single organizations are \$10,000; maximum awards for consortiums are \$100,000. PacMtn anticipates a wide range of projects. Service delivery will begin May of 2023 and will complete June 30, 2024.

- Posting Date: Tuesday, March 7th
- Open Until: Sunday, April 9th at 11:59 PM PST
- Bidders Conference/Virtual Information Session: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 11:00 AM PST. Information for these sessions can be found on our [Events page](#).

About PacMtn Workforce Development (PacMtn)

PacMtn is a nonprofit organization that is the recognized convener of regional workforce development efforts. The PacMtn Board of Directors, PacMtn elected Official Consortium, and all staff are dedicated to the development of a workforce system that supports business, industry, and all levels of employers and job seekers. PacMtn oversees the regional network of American Job Centers, called WorkSource, which house the demand-driven and integrated system of partners dedicated to developing community prosperity, one job seeker and one employer at a time.

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