



# Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grants



Application deadline: 05/20/2026



Available funding: \$65M

# Strengthening Community Colleges (SCC) grants focus on building program and system capacity for implementing and scaling access to short-term training opportunities through Workforce Pell Grants



## Goals and merit criteria:

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Round 6 of the Strengthening Community Colleges (SCC or SCC6) grants will fund community colleges, with a singular focus on building program and system capacity for implementing and scaling access to short-term training opportunities through Workforce Pell Grants for statewide impact, as defined by:

- Core Element 1: Industry-Driven Strategies with Demonstrated Employer Value
- Core Element 2: Worker Mobility through Career Pathways Programs
- Core Element 3: Workforce System Integration to Expand Training Options

# Strengthening Community Colleges Program Details

Match funding requirement: None

SCC Round 6s will fund projects that expand statewide capacity of Workforce Pell-eligible programs through each of the required SCC6 Core Elements

**Eligible grant uses**

In general, activities related to the requirements in the core elements are allowable:

- Industry-driven strategies with demonstrated employer value, as described in Core Element 1
- Worker mobility through career pathways programs, as described in Core Element 2
- Workforce system integration to expand training options, as described in Core Element 3

Other allowable activities include data disaggregation, analysis, and application to the project; professional development for faculty and/or staff; preparing learning resources to be shared as open education resources (OER), affixing the open license to them, and making them publicly available for use and adaptation via a public distribution platform; etc.

**Award amounts**

*Minimum* \$6,500,000

*Maximum* \$10,800,000

*Number of awards expected* 6-10 awards

**Previous awards (national)**

Round 5 awards 18 awards (\$65M)

**Previous awards (MI)**

Round 5 awards 2 awards (\$3M)

# High level requirements to apply for a SCC grant

SCC6 aims to prioritize funding for statewide community college systems, or consortia of multiple community colleges, to support states to build capacity for the state-level workforce and education data sharing and data systems integration activities necessary to demonstrate effective outcomes for programs



## Eligible Entities

- Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
  - Community colleges must apply as a lead of a consortium of institutions
  - Consortium members may include community colleges and public and private, non-profit four-year institutions, as defined in Section 101(a) of the Higher Education Act



## Key Grant Application Components

- SF-424, “Application for Federal Assistance”
- Project Budget, composed of the SF-424A and Budget Narrative (25-page limit)
- Project Narrative
- Attachments to the Project Narrative

# Examples of past winners in Michigan



## Macomb Community College (Round 5)

**Applicant:** Macomb Community College

**Impacted locality:** Warren, MI

**Funding:** \$1.5M

**Project description:** This funding was awarded to Macomb Community College to finance a healthcare industry project



## Mott Community College (Round 5)

**Applicant:** Mott Community College

**Impacted locality:** Flint, MI

**Funding:** \$1.4M

**Project description:** This funding was awarded to Mott Community College to finance a healthcare industry project



## Grand Rapids Community College (Round 4)

**Applicant:** Grand Rapids Community College

**Impacted locality:** Grand Rapids, MI

**Funding:** \$5.8M

**Project description:** This funding was awarded to Grand Rapids Community College to finance an information technology industry project, as part of a consortium with Muskegon Community College