



Overview of Program Descriptions and Requirements

Contractor Training Grant Program

The Contractor Training Grant program provides funding to help eligible contractors cover the cost of training and resources that build skills and support business growth. The program's goal is to expand the pool of contractors who are trained and qualified to work on RIHousing-funded residential construction projects.

Contractors will identify training and/or resources that would benefit their businesses and apply to RIHousing for grant funding to go towards the costs. Proof of the training, including description, dates, cost, and information on the company providing the training must be provided.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Rhode Island-based contractors and/or their staff who want to increase their capacity to work on residential construction projects within Rhode Island.
- Applicants must submit documentation from the R.I. Contractor's Registration and Licensing Board as proof of being a licensed contractor within the state.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Separate applications are required for each training or resource request.
- Program funds may not be used to reimburse for costs incurred by training or resources already paid for.

Awards will be made on a rolling basis. Funding is not guaranteed.

Applications must be submitted online:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/a9337fee7b7149799d30ee07459467f2>

PROGRAM TERMS

Grant recipients must show proof that they attended the training or purchased the approved resources or materials. Afterward, they are required to have a meeting with RIHousing to talk about the efficacy of the grant.

AWARDS

- \$20,000 maximum per applicant
- Must be used as payment towards an eligible training activity and/or resource.
- Awards will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Awards and the award amount will be determined after consideration of the reasonableness of costs being proposed in relation to the training received and anticipated outcomes from the training.
- Applicants may apply for funding to be used towards the cost of one training course (for one or more staff members) and one resource. Depending on the availability of remaining funds, applicants may apply for subsequent funds.
- Awards will be disbursed directly to the training provider/vendor. If this is not possible, alternative payment arrangements may be made, subject to written authorization from RIHousing.

FUNDING AVAILABLE

\$200,000

TIMELINE

Training must be completed and business resources must be purchased and implemented within **6 months** of receiving the award.



ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Funds may be used to cover or partially support training and/or training materials, tools, software, licenses, or similar items. Trainings may be in-person or virtual.

Training may include, but is not limited to, the following:

Workforce training programs, such as:

- Carpentry
- Plumbing
- HVAC
- Masonry
- Electrical
- Mechanical
- Lead remediation or abatement
- Weatherization
- Drywall/Plaster
- Equipment Operators

Training to increase business capacity, such as:

- Accounting and bookkeeping
- Construction accounting training
- Construction estimating
- Project planning and scheduling
- Supply chain and procurement
- Insurance and bonding
- Accessing personal lines of credit, capital, and banking requirements
- Entrepreneurship and business start-up training
- Business readiness for government contracting
- RI MBE/WBE business certification process
- 2024 IECC Code Compliance and related trainings
- Information and computer technology
- Legal advice and services
- Hiring/managing employees
- Project management

Resources to increase business capacity and/or worker skill, such as:

- Translation services
- Human resources and payroll services
- Website development support
- Computer technology
- Marketing
- Software
- Software licenses
- Tools and equipment

AVAILABLE TRAININGS

As a courtesy, we've listed some trainings and training providers that we're aware of. Contractors are not limited to these options and may choose other trainings. RIHousing is not connected with and does not endorse the trainings on this list, nor do we endorse any specific training. Contractors should conduct their own due diligence to assess a training's worthiness.

- [Residential Construction Workforce Partnership \(RCWP\) training program for residential trades](#)
- [Multicultural Innovation Center](#)
- [Minority Business Development Institute](#)
- [Rhode Island Small Business Hub](#)

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