

Scaling Capacity and Leveraging Employers (SCALE)

RESPONSES DUE: Rolling deadline is the 14th of each month

The Workforce Skills Cabinet and Commonwealth Corporation have launched the **SCALE Planning Grant** which provides an opportunity to operationalize partnerships (who will subsequently apply for larger implementation grants) **by de-risking the time required by businesses and stakeholder partners to determine and apply for implementation funding.**

SCALE grants are meant to increase seat capacity statewide by funding partnership who will:

Add seat capacity to existing programs, expand existing programs to "franchises" / across regions, add partners, achieve economies of scale in operation (e.g., per student cost decreases)

Final deliverable is an application to workforce program funding, e.g. CTI, WCTF, RENEW grant



To learn more about this opportunity please visit CommCorp's website at:
commcorp.org/available-funding

Eligible Lead Applicants:

- Community-based organizations, including adult basic education providers
- Employers with operations in Massachusetts and that employ Massachusetts residents in the proposed target occupation
- Employer associations
- Higher education institutions
- Labor organizations
- Local workforce development entities
- Local workforce boards
- Nonprofit education, training or other service providers
- One-stop career centers
- Vocational education institutions

Lead Applicant Role:

Commit to working collaboratively with partners and Commonwealth Corporation

- Convene partners to achieve overall SCALE grant goals and ensure activities outlined in application are conducted
- Have operational and fiscal capacity to manage public funds.
- Intend to apply for implementation grant funding through an ARPA funded grant program (e.g., WCTF, CTI, RENEW, etc.) within 3-6 months of receiving SCALE grant funds

Required Partners: Letters of interest are required from at least one employer with a skilled hiring need (if lead applicant is not an employer) and one training provider (if lead applicant is not a training provider).