



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

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Aligning Education with Industry. Advancing Opportunity for All.

The Workforce Development Fund (WDF) was established by Washington's community and technical college system to support continued alignment of education and training programs with evolving industry needs and student expectations. Administered by the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC), the fund empowers colleges to create, redesign, or expand workforce education programs with strong connections to local economic development.

While WDF is a highly flexible funding source for program improvement, current high priorities include projects that:

- Introduce new technologies and industry-required equipment
- Create common course pathways and articulation agreements across colleges
- Develop competency-based credentials and stackable micro-pathways
- Bridge non-credit training to credit-bearing programs and degrees
- Embed industry-recognized credentials into professional-technical programs
- Strengthen employer-education partnerships

Summary of 2026 Awards

The awarded projects reflect the WDF's commitment to fostering economic growth, supporting innovative programming, and addressing critical workforce needs across Washington State.

College	Project	Award
Bates Technical College	Expanding Carpentry Training and Certification for Union Job Pathways	\$97,260
Bellingham Technical College	Transforming Access to Process Technology Education	\$70,000
Clark College	Healthcare Pathways Regional Coordination for Southwest Washington	\$130,407
Clover Park Technical College	Accelerated Industrial Mechatronics	\$149,714
Olympic College	Bring The OC Welding Program up to Industry Standards and Expand Access	\$141,277
Peninsula College	Construction Technology Program: Building Skills for Tomorrow's Innovations	\$150,000
Renton Technical College	Precision Metal Fabrication Upgrade	\$149,750
Skagit Valley College Consortia with Bellingham	Modernizing Fire and EMT Programs for a Resilient Workforce	\$300,000
South Puget Sound Community College	High-Precision Manufacturing Initiative	\$143,459
South Seattle College	SSC Automotive Technology EV Training	\$70,000
Walla Walla Community College	Renewable Energy Certificate	\$49,726
Wenatchee Valley College	Competency-Based Education for Industry and Degree Seeking Students	\$130,407
Total		\$1,582,000