



**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

**NOTICE OF GRANT OPPORTUNITY
Federal Fiscal Year 2024**

WFNJ/TANF Innovations Initiative

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Application Due Date: January 4, 2024

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Commissioner

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Take Notice that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4 et seq., the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development (hereinafter “the Department” or “NJDOL”) regularly publishes on its website all notices of fund availability pertaining to federal or state grant funds, which may be awarded by the Department. The notices of fund availability may be found on the Department’s website under the heading “Research & Information” and the subheading “Grant Opportunities” per the following link:

<https://www.nj.gov/labor/research-info/grants.shtml>.

A. NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM

WFNJ/TANF Innovations Initiative

B. PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE FUNDS WILL BE USED

The Department of Labor and Workforce Development and the Department of Human Services seek to provide supplemental funding to existing WDBs within our workforce development system. This grant is to supplement WFNJ/TANF funding to existing NJ Workforce Development Boards (WDBs) within our workforce development system to create, expand or maintain innovative approaches to engage, support and increase unsubsidized employment and retention for WFNJ/TANF customers.

Innovative ideas may incorporate:

- Barrier removal (driver’s license restoration, vehicle repair, clothes)
- Outreach and engagement
- Marketing and advertising of WFNJ/TANF opportunities
- Increasing accessibility to transportation
- Purchase of IT resources
- Enrollment in Pre-Apprenticeship/Apprenticeship opportunities
- Job coaching and/or mentoring
- Incentives

Partnerships with other WDB’s is strongly encouraged.

C. AVAILABLE FUNDING

The total amount of available funding is \$ 6,000,000 in TANF Innovation funding.
Actual funding levels will depend on the availability of funds and prior satisfactory performance.

D. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

NJ Workforce Development Boards

E. TARGETED POPULATION

WFNJ/TANF recipients.

F. GRANTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

WDB's awarded funding will be required to complete monthly dashboards provided by NJDOL to track funding outcomes/benchmarks.

G. PROCEDURES TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS

1. Narrative (3-page max)
 - Describe how funding will be utilized to increase employment and retention of WFNJ/TANF customers.
 - Indicate # of customers to be served.
 - Indicate how funding will increase employment/retention of WFNJ/TANF customers.
 - Indicate how incentives will be distributed. **(use of ETB cards is prohibited).**
2. Budget must support narrative and outline costs (1-page max)

H. APPLICATION SUBMISSION

The completed, signed application must be received by 1:00 PM on January 4, 2024. Faxed and/or mailed copies will not be accepted. All completed applications must be electronically submitted via email to: WFNJ@dol.nj.gov utilizing MS Word, MS Excel, and PDF only.

The subject line must indicate the name of the WDB area and WFNJ/TANF Innovations Initiative.

All applications are subject to a department review and final approval by the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Labor.

I. AWARD PROCESS

WDB's will be notified by February 1, 2024 of awards. NJDOL reserves the right to reject any and all applications when circumstances indicate that it is in its best interest to do so.