

BUILD DAKOTA REVITALIZE GRANT



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Revitalize the skills of your current employees or access talent as they learn your trade at one of the state's four technical Colleges by harnessing the power of the **Build Dakota Scholarship Industry Partners Program**. The Build Dakota Scholarship is a full-ride scholarship for individuals entering high-need workforce programs identified at each of the technical Colleges. Becoming an Industry Partner and sponsoring a student means the business becomes responsible for a portion of the education costs. The Revitalize grant cuts the cost responsibility in half. Becoming an industry partner secures a skilled scholar for your business after graduation or even part-time, work-based learning while your scholar is still in school. Ensuring a skilled talent pipeline is essential for businesses that want to sustain current workforce challenges and have ambitions of future growth.



PROGRAM

To qualify for consideration, employers/business must:

- Be located in Rapid City or the Black Hills area.
- Be new to the Build Dakota Scholarship Industry Partners Program.
- Complete the Build Dakota Industry Partner Program requirements of the respective South Dakota technical College of their choosing.

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PROGRAM

Employers may choose to utilize the program to benefit a current employee or work with the technical College to identify a Build Dakota Scholarship applicant that currently does not have an industry partner. Employers are strongly encouraged but not required to identify the student at the time of application. Employers will be asked to provide student information before any funds are disbursed. All funds dispersed will be paid directly to the technical College on the student's behalf.

Employers facing talent needs that fall outside the Build Dakota Scholarship parameters are encouraged to apply for the Revitalize grant as well. These employers will need to identify:

- the student
- the local short-term (two years or less) education program
- program provider
- overall cost
- short narrative that addresses the need, scope of education that will be provided and overall benefit.

INELIGIBLE COSTS

- General Equivalency Diploma (GED) (*as a standalone credential*)
- Infrastructure
- Training which is reimbursed/required by other Public Agencies or Departments
- OSHA – Regulatory
- Membership dues, license fees
- Preparation time or travel time
- Profit-oriented courses

HOW TO APPLY

Applications under the Revitalize Grant Program must be submitted on the prescribed form with all pertinent documentation provided. The application must be submitted electronically to: grants@elevaterapidcity.com.

CONTENTS OF APPLICATION

The application shall be completed with all requested information. The application shall also be accompanied by a letter of confirmation from the Industry Partner Program of choice, if applicable. Elevate Rapid City reserves the right to request additional information if it deems the application information is not sufficient to make a decision upon the grant. Any refusal by the applicant to fully cooperate with Elevate concerning any request for additional information may disqualify the program immediately.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE GRANT

Once an applicant has been successful in obtaining approval from the Elevate Grant Committee for a grant under the Elevate Rapid City Revitalize Grant Program, the applicant shall execute a grant agreement which shall address the following conditions:

1. Maximum grant amount is \$6,000.00.
2. The grant proceeds shall only be used for the purposes expressed within these rules.
3. The applicant certifies that the grant proceeds will constitute no more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the total cost of the education program.
4. Counsel or servicing agent for Elevate Rapid City shall prepare grant documents.
5. The education program shall be one hundred percent (100%) completed within three (3) years of the date of grant approval by the Elevate Grant Committee, unless an extension for a maximum of six (6) months is approved.
6. The applicant shall keep and retain invoices, student transcripts and other documents which shall clearly indicate how the grant proceeds were utilized during the educational program. Those documents shall be retained by the applicant during the life of the grant and shall be provided to Elevate Rapid City (or its servicing agent) upon request.
7. The loan proceeds shall be disbursed directly to the education provider on the student's behalf on a semester basis pursuant the student maintains academic eligibility as set by the Build Dakota Scholarship foundation.
8. The applicant, by accepting the grant proceeds, or any part thereof, agrees to hold Elevate Rapid City, its Board, Committees, employees, and agents, harmless from any and all liabilities or claims caused by or resulting from the applicant's performance of the obligations or activities in furtherance of the project work or in the receiving of the grant funds. Further, the applicant will reimburse Elevate Rapid City for any judgments for findings which may be obtained against Elevate Rapid City resulting from the project work or the making of such loan. Further, the applicant agrees to defend against any such claims or legal actions if called upon by Elevate Rapid City to do so.
9. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** No employee of Elevate Rapid City, or members of their families, shall have any interest in, direct or indirect, or be eligible for this loan program. Elevate Rapid City Board members shall disclose any interest, direct or indirect, on loans Elevate is considering.
10. **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT:** Please be advised that your company may be highlighted by Elevate Rapid City. Company proprietary or trade secret information WILL NOT be disclosed.

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APPLICATION INFORMATION	
Business/Employer Entity Name	

PRIMARY POINT OF CONTACT			
Name			
Address		City, State, Zip	
Phone			
E-mail			

BUSINESS INFORMATION	
How many students do you wish to sponsor?	
Amount requested	
Industry	
Occupation	

BUILD DAKOTA INDUSTRY PARTNER MATCH	
Build Dakota Industry Partner Match	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, technical College	
If no, give brief narrative (if applicable)	
Have you completed all requirements for the Industry Partner Program at selected technical College?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	

SALARY	
Estimated salary at education completion	

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BUSINESS DESCRIPTION
Brief description of the business or organization applying

NEEDS
Brief description of the program needs

BENEFIT
Describe how the program will benefit the business and individual that completes the program.

Send completed application to grants@elevaterapidcity.com.

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