



JobsOhio Inclusion Grant

The JobsOhio Inclusion Grant provides financial support for eligible projects in designated distressed communities and/or for businesses owned by underrepresented populations across the state.

Grant decisions are based on a number of project factors, including but not limited to company location, company ownership, jobs created and/or retained, and project fixed asset investment. Support is generally intended for small to medium-sized companies with eligible projects.

Eligible Projects

Companies must be engaged in JobsOhio's targeted industries and business functions. Ineligible projects include retail and other population driven businesses. Companies must meet at least one of two criteria for consideration:

1. The company is owned by an underrepresented population, including consideration of geographic location, race, ethnicity, gender, veterans and disabled. Racial or ethnic makeup includes African American, Hispanic, Alaska Natives and Pacific Islanders. Women-owned, veteran-owned and disability-owned businesses must be either certified as such or otherwise be able to verify that at least 51% of the business is owned, managed and controlled by the underrepresented population.
2. The project is located in a qualified distressed community as defined by an index score of 50 or greater by the Economic Innovation Group, Distressed Communities Index. To see if your project location is eligible for funding consideration, visit <https://www.jobsohio.com/inclusion-grant/>.

Project Definition

Projects require a commitment over time and will be defined by an appropriate combination of the following metrics: fixed asset investment, job and payroll creation, job and payroll retention, employees trained and training costs. Eligible projects that improve operational efficiency along with job retention will be considered for support.

Eligible Costs

The JobsOhio Inclusion Grant targets fixed asset investment in machinery and equipment, real estate investments including redevelopment, and training costs. The JobsOhio Inclusion Grant is reimbursement based and requires supporting documentation including proof of payment.

For additional information or to see if your project is eligible, please visit <https://www.jobsohio.com/inclusion-grant/> or contact your [JobsOhio Network Partner](#).