

# WILL UpSkill



## Introducing "Will UpSkill": A New Grant Program to Empower Will County Employers and Employees

Will County employers now have an exciting new opportunity to enhance their workforce's capabilities and maintain a competitive edge in the industry. The "Will UpSkill" grant program has been launched to provide funding for customized employee training, aimed at expanding skills and strengths to ensure businesses remain competitive and retain their workforce.

**About Will UpSkill:** The Will UpSkill grant is designed to support Will County companies by providing financial assistance for training programs that "upskill" employees. These programs are crucial for improving workforce capabilities, enhancing safety, and achieving certifications that can contribute to the overall growth and sustainability of the company. Here are the key features of the grant:

**Comprehensive Training Coverage:** The grant covers a wide range of training programs, including many safety and employee development courses offered at TRMA, that result in credentials such as certificates. This ensures that employees receive up-to-date training on best practices and safety standards.

**Generous Funding:** Companies can receive up to \$19,500 per year in funding for their training programs. In most cases, qualified courses will be reimbursed 100%, making this an incredibly valuable resource for businesses looking to invest in their workforce.

**Quick and Easy Application Process:** The application process for the Will UpSkill grant is designed to be straightforward and efficient, taking just minutes to complete. This user-friendly approach ensures that businesses can quickly access the funds they need to start training programs without delay.

**Fast Approval Time:** The approval process for the grant is currently less than a month, allowing companies to swiftly implement their training plans and begin reaping the benefits of an upskilled workforce.

### Pilot Phase and Initial Feedback

We are currently piloting the Will UpSkill grant process with a couple TRMA member companies, and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. These companies have found the application process to be simple and are eagerly awaiting approval to begin their training programs.

One pilot participant shared, "The Will UpSkill grant is a game-changer for us. The ease of the application process and the promise of quick approval mean we can start training our employees almost immediately. This will significantly boost our productivity and safety standards."

### Join Us in Building a Safer and Stronger Workforce

By taking advantage of the Will UpSkill grant, Will County employers can invest in their employees' future, ensuring they have the skills needed to thrive in today's competitive market. We encourage eligible businesses to apply and join us in building a stronger, more capable workforce.

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