

Colorado First and Existing Industry Mobile Learning Lab Assistance Pilot Program Fact Sheet

Program Description

Mobile Learning Labs (MLL) offer on-site workforce education at business locations to help address Colorado's workforce needs by providing hands-on, flexible training options. To increase mobile learning lab opportunities, the Colorado First & Existing Industry (CFEI) Job Training Program, administered by the Colorado Community College System (CCCS) and the Office of Economic Development & International Trade (OEDIT), will operate a competitive grant program in Fiscal Year 2018 to provide grant funding to assist with the build-out of a mobile learning lab (MLL) for use in Colorado.



Fiscal Year 2018 MLL Assistance Application Timeline

Grant application deadline:	July 1, 2017
Grant Notification by CCCS/OEDIT:	August 1, 2017
Quarterly progress and ROI reports due:	Within 30 days after each calendar quarter
Build-out completion deadline:	August 1, 2019

Fiscal Year 2018 Pilot Program Parameters

- The **Mobile Learning Labs Assistance Program** is reimbursement based. Invoices for confirmation of lab construction costs will be required for reimbursement.
- Two MLL applications may be approved per fiscal year, with a maximum of one lab per eligible institution per year.
- Annual MLL funding from **CFEI** has an aggregate \$600,000 cap per year.*
- A 40% cash match or in-kind capital equipment is required. (e.g., a \$300,000 MLL will net \$120,000 in contributions from the grant recipient and \$180,000 from the **CFEI** program). The 40% match is subject to any supplanting prohibitions.
- MLL assistance applications will be reviewed and evaluated in conjunction with **CFEI** job training applications for equitable **CFEI** program participation.
- The MLL must be in alignment with current competitive Colorado industry needs.
- The grant recipient must make the MLL available throughout Colorado to requesting eligible institutions (see below); operational (no personnel) charges are allowed but no capital recovery.
- MLL construction can begin only after grant applications receive approval by the **MLL Assistance Program** state administrators.
- MLL must be available for use by multiple companies in Colorado (i.e. they can't be dedicated to a single company).

*Contingent upon available funding

- The program fiscal year is the same as the state's, which runs July 1 through June 30.
- Approved MLL must be constructed and fully operational within two years from the application approval date.
- Grant funds may not be used for planning purposes, but only for eligible expenses as outlined in the original application.
- The MLL may not be used for federal or state mandated training, e.g. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) / Commercial Driver's License (CDL), other.
- Quarterly reports will be required during the MLL construction progress. Additional reports will be required pertaining to capacity and return on investment to understand on-going use and impact for the first three full operational calendar years.
- An on-site lab visit by CCCS representatives in partnership with OEDIT will be required.

MLL Application Considerations

- Applications will be reviewed and scored on a **competitive** basis, with a bonus for collaborations (multi-institution). Factors considered will be: alignment with industry needs demonstrated by industry and trade group support / justification for MLL need as opposed to existing campus facility / job enhancing skills / community college training participation / state geographic representation / use of MLL by multiple companies in Colorado / projected return on investment.
- Per **CFEI** focus, emphasis will be placed on the following industries: advanced manufacturing, bioscience, aerospace, energy & natural resources, advanced technology, electronics, and infrastructure engineering. Additionally, given the current acute shortage, construction will also receive emphasis.

Eligible Institutions

All CCCS community colleges, Aims Community College, Colorado Mountain College, and Colorado Mesa State University are eligible to participate in the **Mobile Learning Labs Assistance Pilot Program**.

To Apply for an MLL assistance grant, please partner with your local CFEI business representative. To find the nearest representative, visit: [Colorado First and Existing Industry Representative](#) contact list, or contact Yvonne Gilstrap, Colorado Community College System, CFEI Program Manager yvonne.gilstrap@cccs.edu.