

<b>Question</b>	Can funds be used for transportation costs?
<b>Answer</b>	Yes, funds can be used to create transportation initiatives and services. Vehicles may be funded under Maryland Works in exceptional circumstances. Applicants including vehicles in their proposal must clearly identify the need for them, as well as a plan for all additional steps that are required and associated with its purchase.

<b>Question</b>	What is the relationship between proposed statewide, or regional intermediaries?
<b>Answer</b>	Applicants should define what these relationships look like as part of their proposal. The relationships can be variable and should be a partnership between LEAs, industry, community and state partners, and the proposed entity. The examples in the Grant Information Guide provide models of successful partnerships and how they were implemented.

<b>Question</b>	Do apprenticeship programs in Maryland Works need to be registered apprenticeship programs?
<b>Answer</b>	Yes, apprenticeship programs must be registered apprenticeship programs or registered youth apprenticeship programs.

<b>Question</b>	Could a regional intermediary begin their work with only one LEA?
<b>Answer</b>	No, the expectation is that a regional intermediary should partner with two or more LEAs.

<b>Question</b>	Is a higher education partner required as part of strategy one?
<b>Answer</b>	No.

<b>Question</b>	Is there a list of LEAs that are applying to this program?
<b>Answer</b>	No, MSDE will not know which LEAs have applied until the application window has closed.

<b>Question</b>	Are there page limits for the application?
<b>Answer</b>	Yes, page limits are outlined in the Grant Information Guide.

<b>Question</b>	Will MSDE be issuing any non-competitive grants related to Maryland Works strategy areas?
<b>Answer</b>	No, MSDE does not have plans to issue any non-competitive grants as part of Maryland Works.

<b>Question</b>	Can an institution of higher education (IHE) act as the intermediary?
<b>Answer</b>	No, an intermediary must be an independent organization. However, an intermediary could be housed within an IHE, provided it is an independent center.

<b>Question</b>	The grant indicates approximately eight grant awards for focus area one. Does that mean four LEAs and four technical assistance partners will receive grant funds?
<b>Answer</b>	No, grant awardees will ultimately be based on the quality and variety of received applications. There is not a set number of grant awards earmarked for specific applicant types.

<b>Question</b>	Can a technical assistance partner apply without designating the LEAs it plans to work with?
<b>Answer</b>	Yes.

<b>Question</b>	How are you measuring the apprenticeship percentage goals set within Maryland Works?
<b>Answer</b>	MSDE is looking to see that graduating seniors have completed the high school portion of a registered apprenticeship program.

<b>Question</b>	What support is there for a matching process between support organizations and LEAs?
<b>Answer</b>	MSDE will look at LEA applications and the awarded technical assistance applications with an eye towards an alignment of needs and purpose. This will be a collaborative process in conjunction with all parties throughout the process, ensuring that all parties are on the same page.

<b>Question</b>	Do technical assistance applicants need to be based in Maryland?
<b>Answer</b>	No, they do not need to be based in Maryland, only willing and have the capacity to collaborate with identified partners in the state.