

STATE OF WISCONSIN



Department of Workforce Development

2021-2023 Executive Budget Workforce Initiatives

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Budget Highlights - DWD

Governor Tony Evers' Badger Bounce Back Budget
Workforce Highlights:

- Wisconsin Fast Forward
- Full UI Modernization Funding & Policy Changes
- Pandemic Recovery Grants for Local Workforce Boards
- Youth and Registered Apprenticeship Expansion
- Worker Misclassification
- Migrant Labor Inspections
- FMLA Expansion



Wisconsin Fast Forward Investments

Wisconsin Fast Forward Pandemic Training Grants

\$10 million in one-time funding to assist in retraining workers for the post-pandemic labor economy

Funds targeted to assist individuals whose employment was affected by COVID-19



Wisconsin Fast Forward Investments

Wisconsin Fast Forward Green Job Training

\$500,000 in each year of the biennium to place and train Wisconsin workers in Green jobs

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY22		FY23		FY22		FY23	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	500,000	0.00	500,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	500,000	0.00	500,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing additional funding as part of the Wisconsin Fast Forward framework for grants to provide training for green jobs throughout the state.



Registered Apprenticeship

\$275,000 GPR transfer from the department's reimbursement for tuition payments appropriation to increase funding for the Apprenticeship Completion Award Program.

Modify existing statutes to allow for youth apprenticeship curriculum development expenditures to be spent from any allowable source.

Modify the existing appropriation structure to allow for the reallocation of funding based upon program enrollment.



Youth Apprenticeship

\$250,000 in each year of the biennium to expand the state's Youth Apprenticeship program



Additional Worker Training Investments

Wisconsin Worker Connection Pilot Program

Approximately \$10 million over the biennium to fund new program and positions that specialize in helping individuals overcome certain barriers to employment

Hire Heroes Program

Additional funding and position authority to help increase employment and job training services for veterans with high barriers to employment. Also repeals the provision specifying that veterans can only apply for the program no later than seven years after the date of discharge from military service.



UI Modernization

Governor Evers recommended approximately \$80 million be appropriated to DWD in the first year of the biennium to fund UI tax and benefit system upgrades

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UI Program Policy Changes

Eliminate one-week waiting period

Increase maximum weekly benefit rate

Repeal law that prevents SSDI recipients from receiving UI benefits

Streamline eligibility requirements



Additional DWD Provisions

- DVR and Project Search Funding Increase
- FMLA Expansion
- Minimum Wage Increase
- Work Opportunity Tax Credit
- Employment Discrimination
- Worker Misclassification Education Campaign and Reforms
- Pandemic Recovery Grants/Recruitment Funding



WEDC

SMALL BUSINESS RECOVERY - Provide WEDC with \$200 million to assist small business recovery.

VENTURE CAPITAL - Create a Venture Capital Program with \$100 million in one-time GPR funding in a continuing appropriation in FY2021-22. The program will be required to be a fund of funds investment program.

WEDC BLOCK GRANT FUNDING - Increase WEDC's total block grant funding by \$10 million in each year of the biennium.



DPI

The Governor has recommended the full funding of the Academic and Career Planning Program

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GPR	89,000	0.00	466,000	0.00	339,000	0.00	716,000	0.00
TOTAL	89,000	0.00	466,000	0.00	339,000	0.00	716,000	0.00



Tech College System

The Governor's budget recommends providing additional funding for distribution to technical colleges based on equalization of fiscal capacity (70 percent) and performance criteria (30 percent) to provide enhanced student services and greater occupational education and training.



Broadband Expansion

Governor Evers' budget proposal contains several provisions to expand access to, and fund, broadband in the state of Wisconsin

The budget also includes the Internet Assistance Program, which will subsidize monthly internet subscriptions for families at or below 200% of the federal poverty level



Questions?

