

Required Elements for Opportunity Grant Program/Pathway Approval

Criteria	Meets Criteria	Exceeds Criteria																				
Proposal addresses skill gap shortage in a targeted industry.	<p>The proposal provides evidence of local and regional labor market demand in the industry through a variety of resources including traditional labor market data, industry data, trade association data, and other transactional data. Please provide evidence of the gap between the number of *program graduates/completers versus the number of job openings locally and regionally.</p> <p><i>*This includes graduate data from surrounding college programs that also contribute to filling the skill gap shortage.</i></p>	Proposal meets criteria, PLUS provides evidence that labor market demand expands beyond the local and regional marketplace and fills a statewide skill gap need.																				
Program has an identified educational pathway(s) linked to a career pathway.	<p>Proposal provides evidence that the program is part of an educational pathway, linked to a career pathway, which begins with adult basic education ABE/ESL and continues to a one-year certificate and beyond. (Examples include, but are not limited to, the I-BEST model). Proposal clearly articulates how each level of attainment in the pathway prepares students to readily engage in the next level.</p> <p>Proposal includes a pathway diagram.</p>	The college has a pathway that has an SBCTC approved I-BEST program(s) that is part of the educational pathway linked to this program AND links the program(s) to a career pathway that extends to attainment of a baccalaureate degree.																				
Proposal demonstrates at the end of the program, completers will have the opportunity to fill high wage job openings.	<p>For programs designed with an exit point at 45 credits and a certificate, labor market data shows evidence of available jobs for program graduates at a minimum the minimum wage rate(s).</p> <p>Minimum Wage Rates:</p> <table style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr><td>Statewide</td><td>\$16.28</td></tr> <tr><td>Bellingham</td><td>\$17.28</td></tr> <tr><td>Seattle</td><td>\$19.97</td></tr> <tr><td>SeaTac</td><td>\$19.71</td></tr> <tr><td>Tukwila</td><td>\$20.29</td></tr> </table> <p>For programs targeting a segment of the pathway that is designed to move students to completion of a degree, the wage data criteria needs to be met at the end of the pathway. <i>*If program has existed for over 4 years, please provide actual graduate wage earnings in your community.</i></p>	Statewide	\$16.28	Bellingham	\$17.28	Seattle	\$19.97	SeaTac	\$19.71	Tukwila	\$20.29	<p>Proposal provides labor market data that shows evidence of available jobs for program graduates <u>over</u> the minimum wage rates.</p> <p>Minimum Wage Rates:</p> <table style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr><td>Statewide</td><td>\$16.28</td></tr> <tr><td>Bellingham</td><td>\$17.28</td></tr> <tr><td>Seattle</td><td>\$19.97</td></tr> <tr><td>SeaTac</td><td>\$19.71</td></tr> <tr><td>Tukwila</td><td>\$20.29</td></tr> </table> <p><i>*If program has existed for over 4 years, please provide actual graduate wage earnings in your community.</i></p>	Statewide	\$16.28	Bellingham	\$17.28	Seattle	\$19.97	SeaTac	\$19.71	Tukwila	\$20.29
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Proposal provides evidence of active community partnerships.	Proposal shows evidence that local and regional businesses, labor, WDC, and community-based organizations are active in supporting the college's effort to begin or expand this program.	Proposal meets criteria PLUS college has cash, equipment, faculty, staff, facility loan/donation or other measurable donation from partners or employers.																				

Please provide narrative, data, and the pathway guide(s) addressing the above areas. Documentation can be mailed or emailed to Yokiko Hayashi-Saguil, yhayashi-saguil@sbctc.edu, Policy Associate, SBCTC, PO Box 42495, Olympia, WA 98504-2495, (360)704-4319. I-BEST applications may also serve as Opportunity Grant program approval applications.