

Thank you for your interest in the City of Stockton’s Hire Stockton Workforce Training Program. Below are some important facts regarding this program:

1. Grant awards of \$5,000 to \$10,000 are available on a *reimbursement basis* to businesses who hire, train, and retain employees from designated local (economically distressed) census tracts for a minimum of one year.
2. Grants are only available to businesses located within the City of Stockton (city limits).
3. Grant awards are limited to a maximum of **\$10,000 per company**.
4. Applicant must employ a minimum of 20 employees.
5. Business must have been located within Stockton for a minimum of five years.
6. Applicant must be the business owner or designated company representative to apply.
7. New employees are required to be permanent, full-time positions with paid benefits packages and be paid a minimum of \$20 per hour.
 - a. Full Time Positions are defined as positions where an employee is employed on average at least 30 hours per week.
 - b. Paid Benefits are defined as company provided health insurance which the company pays at least 50% of the premiums for participating employees.

Grant Funds awarded based on Wages Paid

Wages Paid per Hour	Grant Funds Awarded per Full-Time Employee
\$20-\$22.49	Up to \$5,000
\$22.50 - \$24.99	Up to \$7,500
\$25 and Up	Up to \$10,000

8. Businesses must hire, train, and retain new employees for at least one year (a minimum of at least 52 consecutive weeks).
9. Applicants shall provide details of number of employees to be hired.
10. Applicants shall provide details of the job description and salary level to be filled.
11. Employees hired and trained must reside in a targeted census tract as identified in the attached map.
12. Grants cannot be approved for employees hired prior to formal program (Hire Stockton) approval.
13. Applicants will be required to enter into an agreement with the City in order to qualify for disbursement of grant funding.
14. Applicants will be required to submit all required documentation verifying fulfillment of agreement terms and conditions before funds will be reimbursed.
15. No agreement to grant funds is made or implied by the City until the application is formally approved. Only the Economic Development Director or a designee can formally approve the grant application.

If you have questions regarding this grant program, please contact Sheba Person-Whitley, Program Manager, at (209) 937-8075 or via e-mail at Sheba.Person-Whitley@stocktonca.gov.

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APPLICATION FOR HIRE STOCKTON

The information requested below will be used to process your application under the terms and conditions of the City of Stockton Hire Stockton Grant Program.

I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant(s) Name: _____

Applicant Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Applicant phone number:

Day () _____ Fax () _____

II. BUSINESS INFORMATION

Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____

Business License Number: _____

No. of Employees (Currently employed): _____ No. of years in business (in Stockton): _____

III. PROGRAM HIRING INFORMATION

Number of Employees to be hired using 'Hire Stockton' grant funds: _____

Job title of new employee/s: _____

Training skills offered: _____

Hourly wage to be paid: _____

Number of hours weekly: _____

Please circle category of position: Production – Technology Support – Customer Service

**Please note: As part of the verification process, proof of hired employee residing within an approved census tract, wages and benefits paid and number of hours worked will be required at the end of the year before grant funds will be distributed.*

FOR CITY USE ONLY: DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

Business Verified: _____ Approved Employment type _____ Grant Amount Approved: \$ _____

Date: _____ Economic Development Representative: _____

Date: _____ Economic Development Director: _____

CERTIFICATIONS

1. Privacy Act Statement

The information that you are providing will be used to determine your eligibility for financial assistance to hire, train, and retain employees residing in certain disadvantaged census tracts, to determine the amount of assistance, to aid in the administration of the program, and to facilitate issuance of grant funds. This use of information is authorized under Public Law. It may be disclosed to your corporate offices, your mortgagee(s), retail consumer credit grantors, and credit reporting agencies for verification of business operations related to hiring and training employees. It may also be disclosed to other federal or state agencies who provide on-the-job training similar to 'Hire Stockton,' financial institutions providing operational funds, local processing agencies for monitoring and carrying out the program, and GAO for audit purposes. It may be disclosed to local agencies, workforce readiness programs, credit-reporting agencies, and to Federal and non-Federal governmental agencies if a violation of the law is indicated. It is voluntary on your part to furnish the information; however, failure to furnish any of the requested information may delay the processing or may result in the rejection of your application.

2. Certification and Verification of Information

I (We) certify that all statements made in this application are true and made for the purpose of obtaining grant funds under the Hire Stockton program. Under the penalties of perjury, I (we) certify that the information provided is true, correct, and complete. I (We) fully understand that it is a federal crime punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, to knowingly make any false statements concerning any of the above facts as applicable under the provisions of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1014. Verification may be obtained from any source named in this application. The original or a copy of this application may be retained by the City, even if the funds are not granted.

3. Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO)

I (We) understand that we must comply with the City's Affirmative Action guidelines for hiring and training employees and shall not discriminate against anyone because of race, color, religion, gender, or national origin. The applicant shall comply with EEO provisions relative to Executive Order 11246 and related acts rules and regulations. The applicant shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

WARNING: FURNISHING FALSE INFORMATION ON A GRANT APPLICATION IS A CRIME.

I understand that under the provisions of a California Penal Code Section 532(a), knowingly providing false information on a financial statement in order to obtain credit or a Grant is an offense punishable by imprisonment in the state prison or county jail, and by a fine up to \$5,000 or both such fine and imprisonment upon conviction. I consent to verification of all information and agree to abide by those conditions and requirements pertaining to the Grant made by the City of Stockton as set forth in the above "Certifications."

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

PRINT NAME

Further documentation is required prior to disbursement of grant funds, including but not limited to:

Proof of date of hire for employee

Proof employee retained at least 52 weeks and proof of full-time employment with benefits

Proof of employee residency

Proof of wages paid to employee