

Workforce Development Training Funds

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Background

The Workforce Development Training Fund is established in W.S. 9-2-2604. Allowable expenses include:

- DWS administrative costs.
- Workforce development programs approved by the Governor.
- Programs designed to train, retrain or upgrade work skills for existing Wyoming workers.
- Training for skills necessary for specific economic development initiatives.

The WDTF is funded through interest earned from the Unemployment Insurance State Trust Fund and an appropriation of State General Funds. The standard budget for 2023-2024 is \$4,091,286.



Rules Changes

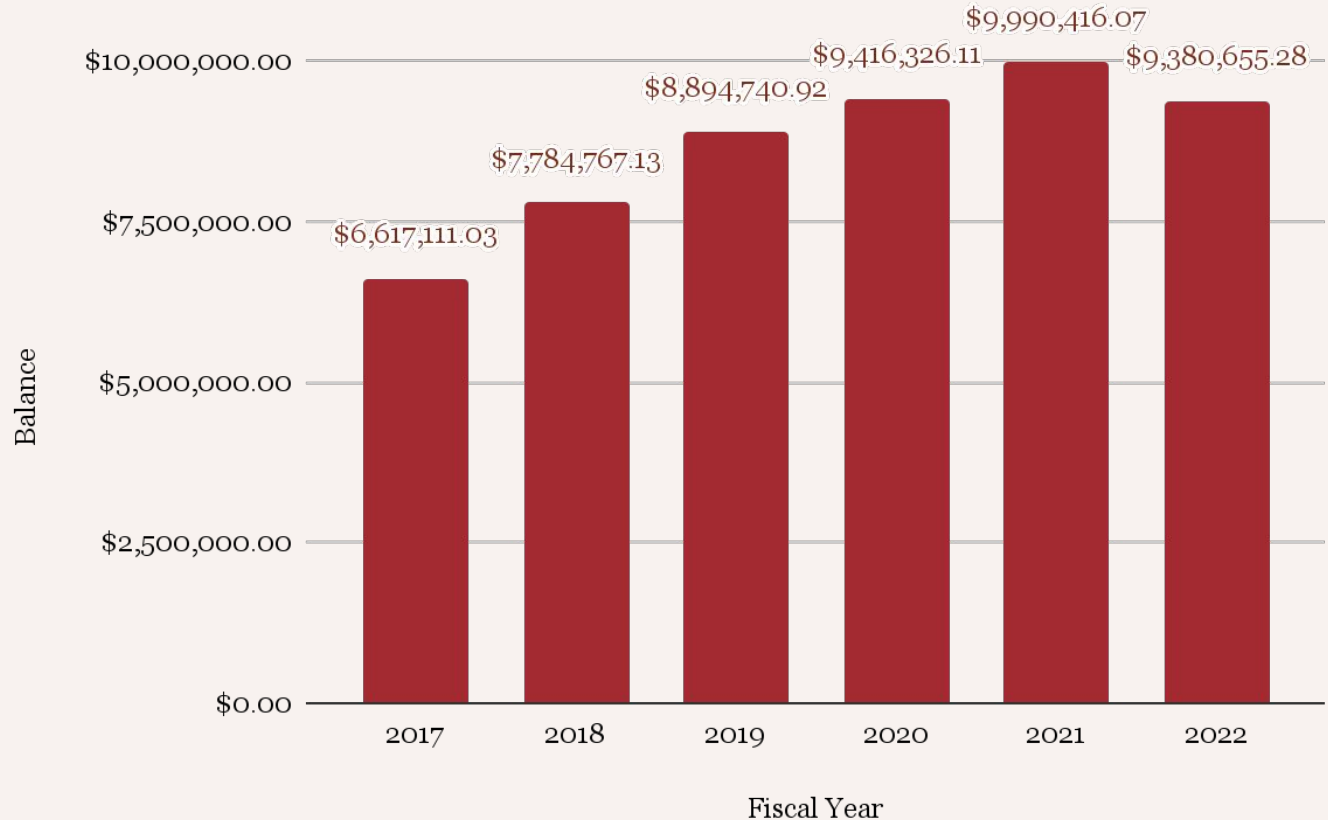
DWS adopted emergency rules in May 2022, followed by regular rules in August 2022, which expand the flexibility and funding limits of several of the WDTF grant opportunities.

These changes were implemented because of an increased need for training opportunities following the pandemic and industry feedback that funding limits were not high enough to provide effective assistance to businesses.

B-11 request #23102 increased the 2023-2024 biennial budget for the Workforce Development Training Fund by \$2 million in order to accommodate these rules changes. An additional B-11 request is likely for FY 2023.



WDTF Fund Balance



Rules Changes

Business Training Grants: Limits increased from \$1,000 to \$4,000 per trainee, per FY. For preferred industries, limits increased from \$1,500 to \$5,000 per trainee, per FY. A business entity is now eligible to apply for up to \$200,000 per FY.

Pre-Hire Grants: Made emergency medical service providers eligible.

Apprenticeship Grants: Adapts the performance measure to be more flexible for each specific apprenticeship program and its needs.

Internship Grants: Limits increased from \$12/hr up to \$25/hr, supported by labor market industry averages. Businesses can host up to 6 internships per FY.



WDTF Grant Applications

| | FY 2021 | | FY 2022 | | FY 2023* | |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Apps Received | Apps Approved | Apps Received | Apps Approved | Apps Received | Apps Approved |
| Business Training | 348 | 314 | 509 | 473 | 355 | 289 |
| Internship | 59 | 46 | 89 | 72 | 118 | 99 |
| Pre-Hire | 2 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 2 |
| Apprenticeship | 7 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 3 |
| Pre-Obligation | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Total | 408 | 332 | 629 | 506 | 482 | 394 |

*FY 2023 includes data from July-November.



WDTF Grant Expenditures

| | FY 2021 | | FY 2022 | | FY 2023* | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | \$ Approved | \$ Expended | \$ Approved | \$ Expended | \$ Approved | \$ Expended |
| Business Training | \$531,412.00 | \$290,863.20 | \$768,048.93 | \$634,366.36 | \$949,400.02 | \$482,688.79 |
| Internship | \$640,761.40 | \$275,961.51 | \$1,216,550.42 | \$402,280.60 | \$5,051,686.37 | \$595,869.98 |
| Pre-Hire | \$390,887.00 | \$309,042.65 | \$981,303.10 | \$659,160.49 | \$58,022.25 | \$342,543.88 |
| Apprenticeship | \$154,837.56 | \$252,154.62 | \$375,124.98 | \$326,216.18 | \$178,038.74 | \$26,034.32 |
| Pre-Obligation | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$665,000.00 | \$0.00 |
| Total | \$1,717,897.96 | \$1,128,021.98 | \$3,341,027.43 | \$2,022,023.63 | \$6,902,147.38 | \$1,447,136.97 |

*FY 2023 includes data from July-November.

