



Stimulus Funds Available for Local Industries

The Business Employment Stability And Training (BESAT) Project provides financial assistance to offset the wages and benefits associated with employing additional or previously laid off employees, or to offset wages and benefits for eligible employees to receive training that enables them to receive a higher wage. Specifically, the project will reimburse the employer **50% of an employee's wages and benefits for up to 90 days.**

Support is available for the following:

- Hiring an eligible, unemployed person to fill a vacant, permanent, full-time position
- Recalling an eligible employee on lay-off back to work full-time in a permanent position
- Hiring an eligible, unemployed person and providing them specialized training for a vacant, permanent, full-time position
- Training related to skills necessary for an eligible employee to move into a permanent, full-time position paying a higher wage

Businesses must be among the industries identified in the targeted industry sectors of the Pennsylvania Business Retention and Expansion Program guidelines of 2008 - 2009 (See Determination of Eligibility Below), and must be experiencing a business hardship such as declining sales, frozen credit lines, rising business costs, or difficulty in meeting payroll, paying rent or making loan payments in order to be considered for the project.

To determine eligibility, additional information, and access the on-line application, please go to https://www.jccap.org/newer/besat_business.asp.

Call me if you have any questions.

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