

Minnesota Job Creation Fund Program

Program Overview

The Job Creation Fund (JCF) program is DEED's newest program to encourage job creation and capital investment in new or expanding businesses. The program provides job creation awards of up to \$500,000 and capital investment rebates of up to \$500,000 for qualifying businesses.

Eligibility

Businesses may apply through a local government where their new or expanding business will be located and must be primarily engaged in manufacturing, warehousing, distribution, IT, or other eligible activities. At minimum, a business must:

- Invest \$500,000 in real property improvements within one year of designation as a Job Creation Fund Business; and,
- Create 10 new full-time, permanent jobs within two years of designation as a Job Creation Fund Business; and,
- Obtain a resolution of support from the local government where the business will be located.

Benefits

A business approved and designated by DEED for the program may request benefits after entering into a business subsidy agreement with DEED, making an investment of at least \$500,000 within one year, and having at least 10 new permanent full-time jobs in place for one year. Benefits include:

- Up to 7.5% rebate on capital investment in real property improvements in Greater Minnesota
- Up to 5% rebate on capital investment in real property improvements the Twin Cities Metro
- Between \$1,000-\$3,000 per new permanent full-time job per year, based on cash wages paid
- All new jobs must pay at least \$12.48 in total compensation
- All wage and compensation levels are adjusted annually

Provisions for Large Projects

Businesses making a capital investment of more than \$25 million may be eligible for these JCF awards:

- Up to \$2 million (\$1 million in capital investment rebates and \$1 million in job creation awards) if the business creates at least 200 full-time permanent jobs.
- Up to \$1 million in capital investment rebates for projects that will retain at least 75 full-time permanent jobs in Greater Minnesota or 200 in the Twin Cities metro area.

Although equipment may be counted toward large project eligibility, the capital investment rebate only applies to the expenditures related to real estate – land and building – improvements.

For More Information

Application materials, frequently asked questions and other information can be found at <http://mn.gov/deed/business/>