

Allowable Uses of Industry Sector Partnerships Planning Grants Funding

All sector partnership activities administered by local workforce area staff and workforce partners must be consistent with applicable sections of WIOA law, Division of Workforce Solutions (DWS) Policies, specific Workforce Development Board (WDB) Policies, and Uniform Grant Guidance.

Awarded Industry Sector Partnerships Planning Grants must be used for the planning and support of new and existing Advanced Manufacturing Sector Partnerships. Sector Partnership funds may be expended on the below allowable expenses related to sector partnership activities as authorized under 20 CFR Part 680. No matching funds will be required. Please note that NC Department of Commerce staff are able to support grant recipients with any data collection needed.

Sector Partnerships allowable and unallowable activities include, but are not limited to, the activities listed in the table below:

Sector Partnerships Activities	Allowable	Unallowable
Conducting and participating in meetings with stakeholders, including staff travel time;	X	
Development and training of staff who are directly involved with sector partnerships;	X	
Creating and delivering informational materials related to Sector Partnership and related resources. May include supplies and materials to conduct allowable activities, including marketing and outreach.	X	
Allocated staff time to conduct allowable activities, such as coordination, job development, case management, and data entry;	X	
Payment for Memberships to Business-related Organizations;	X	
Participating in and hosting business and partner engagement activities. May include the meeting and event space needed for these activities.	X	
Conducting research on high demand industries and employers. May include database and publication subscriptions.	X	
Attending local and regional meetings, roundtables, practitioner training events, and conferences;	X	
Developing and maintaining partnerships with non-profit organizations, state and local agencies, business organizations, industry councils and associations, etc.	X	

Sector Partnerships Activities	Allowable	Unallowable
Industry-related Programs (such as industry tours, industry events, and workshops to engage with industry partners);	X	
Coordinating Industry Committees;	X	
Youth Services, including the research or support youth activities; and		X
Entertainment expenses, including but not limited to coffee, bottled water, networking breakfast, lunch, and dinner.		X