**Hurricane Helene Business Edge Fund Grant Funding Request Form**

**Application Abstract:**

Local Area Workforce Development Board (WDB) Name:

Counties to be Served:

Grant Initiative Contact Person:

Funding Level Requested:

*\*Notes: WDBs can request funding with the possibility of requesting additional funds once 50% of the funding has been spent. Up to 5% of the amount awarded can be used for administrative expenses. All funds are based on availability. All funding must be expended by 12/31/2026.*

**Brief Description of The Hurricane Helene Business Edge Fund:**

What are some strategies you plan to use to ensure businesses in your area are informed of and able to apply for these funds?

Please provide some areas of priority that you plan to address with these funds (for example industry focus, business size focus, geographic focus).

Who are some partners you plan to engage with to meet the business needs?

How many businesses would you like to serve with this funding?

**Required Measures**

The Hurricane Helene Business Edge Fund is meant to reduce or avoid layoffs, with all grants tracking the number of employees and the average wage of that group.

* Number of employers awarded grants
* Number of employees affected /avoiding layoff
* Average salary of affected employees
* Amount of funding received
* Date of payment
* Use of funds description

Salesforce data entry is required for this grant. The data points above will be pulled on the 5th business day following the end of each reporting month using Salesforce. In addition, success stories from each WDB area that has been awarded must be submitted quarterly.

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| Local Area WDB Director Signature |  | Date |