

Clarity on Port-related industries:

PORT-related Industries means aviation, maritime, construction trades, and Green Job/Green Career industries. Such Port-related jobs generally require skills, experience, and/or education that lead to better compensated jobs at the Port or in Port-related industries. These jobs create a workforce pipeline for Port and Port-related industries, particularly in high demand occupations in near-port communities.

Programs should be worker and employer training and job matching that help connect and retain regional workers to careers within the PORT and PORT-related economic activities, including job training and placement, job advancement and job retention, pre-apprenticeship training, or occupational education programs associated with port tenants, customers, or port-related economic activities

Port-related industries do not include more general areas such as healthcare, agriculture, information technology, legal, and programs that are focused in those areas or other areas outside of maritime, aviation, green jobs and construction trades will not be eligible.

Programs that include only basic skills such as resume building or general computer literacy will not be eligible. In order to be eligible, programs that teach general skills should also include specific training related the Port's operations, such as aviation-specific or maritime-specific skills.

For example, general barista training or cashier training without any airport-specific training associated with the program may not be eligible for funding. However, a program that supports barista or cashier opportunities at Seattle-Tacoma airport that also includes airport-specific training on badging, security, or other airport specific requirements, may be eligible.

A program that generally involves solar or other renewable power may not be eligible unless the program is related to a project on Port property or otherwise directly supporting or related to Port operations.

A program that provides training to restaurants or other businesses that are just in the general area of Port facilities, but are not tenants of the Port of Seattle and are not otherwise in the aviation, maritime, construction trades, and Green Job/Green Career industries, may not be eligible for funding.