

Minnesota Future Together Grant

Critical Industry List

The Minnesota Office of Higher Education has broadly summarized critical industry sectors based off of the guidance issued in Executive Order (EO) 20-48. Critical sector work typically refers to work that can only be done at a place of work outside a person's home or residence.

Healthcare and Public Health

- Includes workers required for effective clinical, command, infrastructure, support service, administrative, security operations across direct patient care, pharmacy, and full healthcare and public health spectrum, including mortuary services
- Human service providers such as those who provide assistance and support to older adults, people with disabilities and other chronic health conditions, and those who are frail or homebound
- Workers in residential treatment centers, those supporting shelters for adults, seniors, children, victims of domestic violence, people with developmental disabilities, substance abuse disorders or mental illness

Law Enforcement, Public Safety, and First Responders, Defense Industrial Base

- Includes workers in emergency management, law enforcement, fire and rescue, emergency medical services, corrections, and search and rescue personnel
- Workers at emergency and public safety communication centers
- Workers who support the essential services required to meet national security commitments to the federal government and U.S. Military

Food, Agriculture, Energy, Water and Wastewater, Infrastructure Support

- Farmers, farm workers, plumbers, electricians, exterminators, builders, contractors, HVAC technicians, and workers in construction and critical trades
- Workers supporting the food and agriculture industry through production, distribution and transportation, equipment production and repair, warehouse workers, sanitation, etc.
- Lawn care and landscape workers, garden centers and stores, florists and bait harvesters
- Workers supporting the energy sector, regardless of the energy source (including, but not limited to, nuclear, fossil (coal, petroleum, natural gas), hydroelectric, or renewable)

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Education and Other Community-Based Essential Functions

- All K-12 teachers and educators including paraprofessionals, administrative, kitchen, bus drivers and janitorial staff
- College and university employees, including student employees
- Workers in hardware and building materials stores, convenience stores, pet stores/veterinarians and animal care providers, auto supply and repair, home appliance, laundromat and dry cleaners, and management and staff at hotels and other temporary lodging facilities, childcare providers (in-home and center-based)
- Workers who provide legal services, advice, representation needed to aid delivery of critical governmental services, and clergy

Transportation, Manufacturing, Essential Supply Stores

- Truck drivers, bus drivers, dispatchers, maintenance and repair technicians, truck stop and rest area workers, driver training and education centers, DMV workers, towing, recover, roadside assistance, mass and public transit, taxi and delivery services, postal service and private companies who accept, process, transport and deliver information and goods, worker supporting air transportation, bicycle shops, workers selling automobiles, motorcycles, boats, recreational vehicles and all-terrain vehicles

Financial Services

- Workers who are needed to provide, process, and maintain systems for processing, verification, and recording of financial transactions and services, including payment, clearing, and settlement
- Workers who are needed to provide business, commercial, and consumer access to bank and non-bank financial services and lending services

Outdoor Recreational Facilities

- Private, state, and local government workers who support MN State Parks, local/regional parks and trails, marinas, golf courses and driving ranges, ski areas, outdoor shooting ranges and game farms