


Financing adult learning database

Name of the instrument - Local language	IDA Training Grants Programme
Name of the instrument - English translation	IDA Training Grants Programme
Scheme ID	112
Country	 Ireland
Reporting year	2015
Type of instrument	Grant for companies
Type of entry	Single instrument
Short description	IDA Ireland is an agency aiming at attracting foreign direct investment to Ireland. The agency is offering a wide range of services and incentives, including the co-funding of training activities for newly established foreign companies in Ireland. Companies may apply for the grant in the context of improving their long term competitiveness and transformation. The eligible education and training activities include specific work-related training (with IDA co-funding up to 25% of the eligible costs) and general skills training (up to 60% of the eligible costs).
Short description of the related instruments	nap
Level of operation	National
Name of a part of the country	nap
Name of the region (for regional instruments)	nap
Name of the sector (for sectoral instruments)	nap
Relevance	Key scheme
Legal basis	na
Objective(s) and	To provide foreign-owned companies with support for

target(s)	<p>training provision in their companies; facilitate a significant upgrading of the skills base in the context of improving the company's long term competitiveness and transformation.</p> <p>Training grants have been a consistent part of IDA Ireland's suite of grant supports for many decades, albeit a relatively small one.</p>
Year of implementation	1952
Year of latest amendment	1990
Operation/management	Administered by the Industrial Development Agency (IDA).
Eligible group(s)	Foreign-owned companies operating in Ireland.
Group(s) with preferential treatment	None
Education and training eligible	Specific work-related training and general skills training
Source of financing and collection mechanism	Industrial Development Authority (via Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation) matching: company
Financing formula and allocation mechanisms	<p>The maximum level of grant for companies for specific training is 25% of eligible costs and for general training it is 60%.</p> <p>The money is transferred to employers in the form of advance payment; companies that best meet pre-determined criteria (specified through top down procedures) are funded.</p>
Eligible costs	Fees and other costs related to education and training
Frequency of the use	Each year
Volumes of funding	Between 2005 and 2010, EUR 52 734 000 were spent. The annual average budget is EUR 8 789 000.
Beneficiaries/take up	The annual average of companies receiving funding is 18.
Organisation responsible for monitoring/evaluation	Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation (parent department).
Monitoring/evaluation reports available	https://www.djei.ie/en/Publications/Publication-files/3-4-PLM-IDA-Train...
Most relevant webpage - in English	http://www.idaireland.com/
Most relevant webpage - local language	na

Sources

http://www.djei.ie/publications/strategicpolicy/2015/3.4_PL_M_IDA_Traini...