



# Northwest Trade Adjustment Assistance Center (NorthwestTAAC)

Serving Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington

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## "Made in America Grants"

### Federal Assistance for Companies affected by imports

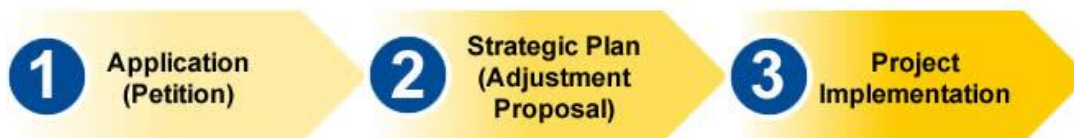
If your product or service is "Made in America", your company could be eligible for up to \$75,000 in matching grant funding for projects of your choice performed by vendors you select.

**TAAF** (Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms) **helps American companies become more competitive when faced with import competition.** The Northwest Trade Adjustment Assistance Center (NWTAAC) is a non-profit organization that operates the TAAF program for the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration. TAAF is NWTAAC's only mission and activity. Thousands of companies have benefited from this grant program since its inception nearly 50 years ago.

## ELIGIBILITY

If your company has seen sales and/or production decline, **and** been forced to lay off workers or reduce work hours, **and** you have lost some domestic sales to imports, you are likely to qualify for the funding. NWTAAC will prepare the qualifying document (petition) and handle processing at **no cost or obligation to you.**

## PROCESS



Upon petition approval, companies propose the projects for matching grant funds through a business plan. Many companies facing import competition find that planning is particularly beneficial. NWTAAC is prepared to advise, develop, compose, and submit this plan subject to management approval, at a nominal cost

After approval of the Adjustment Proposal, companies proceed to contracting with vendors selected by management. Companies may use matching funds for up to five years.

## RESULTS

Over decades and across the country, aggregate results for TAAF companies are impressive. Some highlights are: high long-term survival rates, sales growth above the industry and the economy, double digit productivity gains, and high counts of retained and created jobs. While NWTAAC cannot guarantee an outcome for an individual company, as a group, TAAF participating companies recover and succeed. Company testimonials available at [www.nwtaac.org](http://www.nwtaac.org).

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## Project Ideas for Eligible Companies

### Marketing

- Marketing plan development
- Branding and logo design
- New product development
- Brochure, catalog and packaging design
- Website development
- Market research and market feasibility analysis
- Public relations campaign planning and implementation
- Export and domestic market development

### Manufacturing

- Design, development and testing of new products
- Architectural and engineering design for facility expansion
- Lean manufacturing training and principle implementation
- Process control design and development
- Equipment re-engineering and/or new equipment design and development
- Operations training

### Quality Assurance

- ISO and AS documentation preparation and certification audits
- Product certifications and testing
- Gap audits
- Quality management systems and procedures development
- Facility health and safety standards development and training

### Info Tech

- Inventory control software customization
- Enterprise Resource Planning package customization and employee training
- Website development
- E-commerce functionality development
- Search engine optimization
- Network improvement
- Functional applications and implementation
- CAD/CAM systems implementation

### Financial & General Management

- Accounting systems development and training
- Profit planning, cash management and budgeting process assistance
- Strategic and tactical planning
- Business plan development
- Succession planning
- Organizational development and training

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