**MEMBER BULLETIN**

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**‘In The Trades’ Apprenticeship Grant Funding for 1st Year Apprentices**

The Canadian Building Trades Union (CBTU) is running an Apprenticeship Grant Program for [In The Trades](http://www.buildingtrades.ca/inthetrades), a federally funded program that will help first-year Red Seal apprentices get started in the skilled trades by providing financial incentives and training support for unionized small and medium-sized contractors.

**This program is only open to unionized contractors with less than 500 employees.** Applicants can receive $5,000 for new first-year apprentices and $10,000 for onboarding equity-deserving apprentices in one of [39 approved Red Seal trades.](https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/apprentice-service-program.html)

There are easy steps to receiving the financial incentive:

* Fill out the easy-to-use online application form which includes contractor & apprentice information;
* First-year apprentice completes two Skill Plan courses (Diversity & Inclusion and Introduction to Mentorship); and,
* Sign the legal agreement confirming program eligibility.

For full details about the program and the application, please visit [our](http://www.buildingtrades.ca/inthetrades) website. I have also attached a printable information sheet, complete with a QR code.

To inquire about your eligibility for this program or for assistance with the application process, please contact John McCollum, Regional Coordinator, at [jmccollum@inthetrades.ca](mailto:jmccollum@inthetrades.ca) or 613-889-1461.