

Could your team get Texture Ready™ training reimbursed?

Texture Ready™: Textured Hair Safety & Production Readiness is approved for funding through the Massachusetts Workforce Training Fund Express Program. Qualifying Massachusetts employers with 100 or fewer employees may receive **up to 100% reimbursement** for training costs.

Must apply by November 2, 2026

for the next public cohort, starting November 30

Why this matters

Producing professional work?

Textured hair protections already appear in current AEA, SAG-AFTRA, and AGMA agreements.

But the contract does not build the production system.

Your team still needs to know who is qualified, what gets planned and budgeted, how consent works, and what happens when the plan is not working.

The protection may be in the contract. The production still has to deliver it.

Training future professionals?

Students should not have to enter the industry before learning how textured hair affects production.

Texture Ready™ helps educators prepare performers and production professionals to understand their role, their limits, the right questions to ask, and when additional expertise is needed.

The goal is not to make everyone a hairstylist. It is to make the whole system safer and more ready.

Could your organization qualify?

Start with 4 questions. Check the box for each YES.

☐ Do we have 100 or fewer W-2 employees working in Massachusetts?

Count employees of the applying employer, not just your department or program.

☐ Do we have a physical business location in Massachusetts?

☐ Do we pay into the Massachusetts Workforce Training Fund through Massachusetts unemployment insurance?

Nonprofit and not sure? Ask HR, payroll, or finance whether your organization uses the contributory method for Massachusetts unemployment insurance.

☐ Are the people we want to train W-2 employees working in Massachusetts for our organization?

Full-time and part-time employees can qualify. Independent contractors cannot.

Got 4 YESes? You may be eligible for reimbursement.

Confirm 3 final things:

☐ Participants can attend training on paid work time

☐ Your organization can apply by November 2, 2026

☐ You have checked how much Express funding your organization has already used this calendar year

Eligible employers can receive up to \$15,000 in new Express grant funding per calendar year, subject to program limits and available funding.

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Approval takes up to 21 days. Invoices are due November 24, 2026.

Next public cohort

Texture Ready™: Textured Hair Safety & Production Readiness

Mondays · November 30, December 7 and 14, 2026

1 to 3 PM EST · 3 live virtual sessions, 2 hours each **\$997 per participant**

Includes training across the 6 Texture Ready™ competency domains:

Literacy · Fluency · Architecture · Consent · Care · Escalation

Texture Ready™ credential assessment included

Express Course ID: C-16558

Reserve your seats

www.textureready.com/express

Ready? Here's what to do.

- 1** Choose everyone you want to train. You can't add people after approval.
- 2** Confirm the 4 eligibility questions with HR, payroll, or finance.
- 3** Reserve your seats with Texture Ready™ by November 2. No payment yet.
- 4** Apply through Commonwealth Corporation using Course ID C-16558.
- 5** Wait for approval, then pay your invoice by November 24.
- 6** Attend on paid work time. Request reimbursement within 30 days of the last session.

Not sure about something?

You do not need to become a grant expert.

Start by sending this page to the person who handles HR, payroll, finance, or unemployment insurance for your organization.

Know your role. Build the system. Take the burden off the performer.

Eligibility, grant approval, and reimbursement are determined by Commonwealth Corporation and are subject to current program requirements and available funding. Texture Ready™ is an independent training provider. Course C-16558 is approved for Express Program funding eligibility.

The Textured Hair Standard for Stage & Screen

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