

## Microenterprise Pilot Summary

- To address the need for training owners of “microenterprises”, the Panel implemented a pilot effective December 15, 2008, to fund entrepreneurs that do not yet have any employees, or pay into the ETF, and would normally not be eligible for funding may be approved by the Panel.
- A microenterprise *is* a sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation that meets all of the following requirements:
  - has fewer than 5 employees, including the owner;
  - is part time or full time; and
  - generally lacks access to conventional loans, equity, or other banking services.
- The Panel will avail up to \$200,000 total to fund 8 microenterprise projects (capped at \$25,000 each). Existing SET Entrepreneurial projects may be amended to include a microenterprise component (but NO additional funds may be added to project for that purpose).
- These projects will be funded under SET and reimbursed at \$26.
- Trainees:
  - must complete training as set out in the contractor’s training plan;
  - must hire and employ at least 1 full-time employee for a minimum of 30 hours per week, for 90 days, within the contract term;
  - must register with EDD and obtain a CEAN number, within the contract term: and
  - must begin to pay UI and ETT taxes for the employee(s), within 21 months after starting the term of a contract.

**For further information regarding this Pilot program, please contact the ETP [Regional Office](#) in your area.**