

Coronavirus Relief Fund Earn and Learn Grant Awardees

A1 Morris Heating and Cooling – Davenport

Funding will expand an existing Registered Apprenticeship program allowing it to accelerate to the next level and hire 2 additional apprentices in the HVAC field. Award: \$137,170

AllSquare Cabinet Company, LLC – Indianola

AllSquare will create dedicated spaces within the facility to provide the workstations and resources for hands-on training and virtual learning. Five new positions will be created in cabinetmaking, targeting those whose unemployment was affected by the pandemic. Award: \$145,000

ATC Inc. – Cedar Rapids

ATC Inc. is an auto-truck center and with the funding they will recruit up to 20 applicants and will provide training and the opportunity to gain ASE certification as well as other industry recognized credentials. Award: \$243,600

Better Health Inc. dba Valley Drug Store – Missouri Valley

Valley Drug Store will create and implement a new Pharmacy Technician Apprenticeship Program which will result in National Certified Pharmacy Technician credentials (CPhT). The program will enroll up to 3 apprentices by the end of February, 2021. Award: \$18,371

Bovard Studio, Inc. – Fairfield

An earn and learn program will be designed resulting in the start of 40 separate industry-recognized credential training programs by February 28, 2021. Ten lowans will be participating in the earn and learn program developing artisan construction skills in the specialty area of stained glass. Award: \$120,085

Caleo Enterprises – Des Moines

This program will train 35 lowans whose employment has been affected by the pandemic to be financial coaches and credit counselors to assist others in improving their financial literacy. Award: \$204,050

Cedar Rapids Electrical Apprenticeship Training & Educational Trust – Cedar Rapids

Funding will support technological updates to support on-line classes and skills development for 28 registered apprentices. Award: \$35,150

Cedar Rapids Tank Wash Inc. – Independence

The goal of this program is to provide education and certification to 6 people in CNC machining and truck dealership level training that individuals are unable to attain in smaller communities. Award: \$120,226

Central Iowa Shelter and Services – Des Moines

This program will provide paid on-the-job training, support services and the opportunity to earn non-credit industry certifications for 32 participants in the fields of culinary, janitorial and farming/landscaping. Award: \$59,620

Country Meats – Arcadia

This will expand a newly established Meat Cutting Registered Apprenticeship Program by adding two additional registered apprentices who will be hired before the end of February with the potential of an additional 3 apprentices in the near future. Award: \$200,000

EMBARC – Des Moines

EMBARC will provide paid training for 89 individuals, primarily refugees, in one of three programs - RISE, a statewide refugee workforce training program which will transition to a virtual workforce curriculum and Refugee Navigator programming with develops refugees' workforce skills and experience. It will also add a new Information Technology Navigator program. Award \$198,060

Family Pet Veterinary Centers Management Company, LLC – West Des Moines

An additional 3 lowans will enter this newly created Registered Apprenticeship Program for Veterinary Technician program. Award: \$42,637

Fireside Winery – Marengo

The winery will hire 2 lowans who will participate in education and hands-on learning resulting in skills development in retail, food service and agrimony. Participants will earn industry recognized credentials. Award: \$165,187

Four Mounds –Dubuque

Carpentry training will be provided for 24 lowans which result in earning a Building Trades diploma. Award: \$122,037

The Lakeside Village – Panora

Twenty -three individuals will be provided support to address barriers including childcare and transportation in addition to participating in an earn and learn model to earn credentials including Certified Nursing Aide, Medication Management, ServSafe and Dietary Manager certifications. Award: \$150,000

Vendemark Heating and Cooling – Woodbine

The establishment of a long-term Registered Apprenticeship Program is the goal of this project. Initially, two individuals whose jobs have been affected by coronavirus will be hired and trained in a HVAC Registered Apprenticeship program. Award: \$79,750

Goodwill of the Heartland – Iowa City

This earn and learn program will support 45 lowans enrolled in courses in healthcare, IT or manufacturing while earning a wage and receiving extensive wrap around services to ensure their completion and success. Award: \$249,893

Hamilton-Ryker/Cottage Grove Place and Green Hills – Cedar Rapids

Funding will create Registered Apprenticeship Programs in healthcare and culinary arts. Fifty new employees will be hired and enrolled in these two earn and learn programs. Award: \$132,440

Informed Choice of Iowa – Iowa City

The creation of this new Registered Apprenticeship program will support 9 registered nurses while they obtain multiple certifications and hands-on training for clinic-based healthcare. Award: \$44,728

JW Bell – Cedar Rapids

JW Bell will be recruiting up to 6 lowans for new welder/fabricator programs resulting in an industry recognized welding certification. Award: \$66,150

Knight Moves.org – West Des Moines

This program is creating a new earn while you learn opportunity for lowans to participate in a fully immersive program of experiential learning, creating real world solutions to real world problems in the IT industry. This is a virtual training opportunity and will initially target two participants. Award: \$249,197

Koch Landscaping and Hauling Inc. – Solon

This will be a 50/50 hands-on to classroom training program to prepare twenty participants for successful careers in the landscaping industry. Award: \$157,960

LEPORTE ELECTRIC – Shenandoah

This funding supports the creation of a new electrical registered apprenticeship program targeting lowans whose employment has been impacted by the pandemic. Award: \$14,246

Local 263 Cedar Rapids Sheet Metal Workers Joint Apprenticeship – Cedar Rapids

Funding will help expand the current apprenticeship training program and provide additional certification training for up to 80 participants. Award: \$246,105

Local Union No. 125 JATC Fund – Cedar Rapids

The project goal will increase opportunities in the most technical welding training and reduce the amount of time it takes for each trainee to complete the training. Over 100 different pipe welding certifications will be offered over 3 months to 80 participants. Award: \$104,972

Loess Hills Environmental, LLC – Logan

To address the need of key health and safety certifications mandated for work in several high demand professions, Loess Hills will deliver hybrid online and in-person training courses in blood borne pathogen, first aid, CPR and AED certifications for up to 168 lowans. Award: \$24,243

Luther Manor Communities – Dubuque

Training for 10 participants to obtain CNA certification to work in this long term care facility. Award: \$24,159

Marshall County Communications Commission – Marshalltown

Funding will support the creation and expansion of a short-term earn and learn programs to train 6 lowans for work in 911 Communications. The opportunity will include training in Law Enforcement Communications, Fire Service Communications and Emergency Medical Dispatching. Award: \$ 129,800

Mike McMurrin Trucking, Inc. – Cedar Rapids

Mike McMurrin Trucking will train 4 individuals whose employment has been affected by the pandemic to participate in the Heavy Truck Driving Apprenticeship Program. Award: \$60,854

Modern Mechanical LLC – Des Moines

An on-site training facility will allow training for up to 12 individuals to develop high demand HVAC certifications technicians while earning full-time wages and benefits. Award: \$43,905

N.E. Iowa Ironworkers Local 89 JATC – Cedar Rapids

Forty individuals will obtain experience and certification in forklift and aerial lift training and fabrication. Award: \$190,700

Oaknoll Retirement Residence – Iowa City

Funding will increase the number of well- trained nursing assistants by 30-50 in the Johnston County area and recruiting individuals whose employment has been affected by the pandemic. Award: \$165,000

Plumbers and Steamfitters Local #33 JATC – Des Moines

This grant supports Registered Apprenticeship expansion programming for 60 individuals. Participants will achieve multiple industry recognized credentials or certifications. Award: \$249,052

Pro Tow – Cedar Rapids

Up to 25 Iowans will gain training, certifications and experience in the transportation industry through expansion of this training program. Award: \$117,018

Scott Enterprises & Consulting – West Des Moines

With grant funds this project will train 200 Iowans in CNA, advanced CNA and CPR to help assist long-term care facilities, assisted living facilities and hospitals to meet the large demand for employees with these needed skills, Support will also be provided for childcare and transportation for participants. Award: \$85,800

Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission/Homes for Iowa – Des Moines

Homes for Iowa will train 6 men at the Newton Correctional Facility. Participants will achieve NCCCO Qualified Rigging/Signal Person Training qualification and certificate and Johns Structure Jacking Systems (manufacturer of hydraulic jacks for lifting structures) training and certification. Award: \$100,000

St. Anthony Regional Hospital – Carroll

Funding will support a new apprenticeship program that recruits, trains and employs up to 40 Iowans in certified nursing assistants and certified medical assistants. Award: \$212,033

State Center Police Department – State Center

Funding will provide accelerated peace officer certification annually for 50 Iowans to begin the path to full time law enforcement employment. This program will support the recruitment efforts of agencies all across the state. Award: \$96,250

TFJSC - Waterloo

A new earn and learn model will provide training for at least 5 new employees and five employees who were furloughed due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Participants will earn industry-recognized credentials in welding, painting, and CNC wood milling. Award: \$250,000

The CEU Authority – Des Moines

This program will create mobile and online trainings that lead to skills and certifications that Iowa plumbing and mechanical contractors desire in employees. These certifications can be obtained in a relatively short timeframe with an initial goal of training 50 people. Award: \$90,200

The Children’s Jungle – Winterset

The Children’s Jungle is partnering with Caregiver Training LLC to provide the required courses for entry level and upper management within the childcare development homes and center settings. Hands on training and education will result in new certifications for early educational childcare for a minimum of 16 individuals. Award: \$211,200

University of Iowa – Iowa City

University of Iowa will expand the REACH program and offer an intensive high quality training programs in nursing assistant, home health/personal care aide, teaching assistant or childcare worker for 7 lowans with intellectual and developmental disabilities whose employment status has been negatively impacted by the pandemic. Award: \$30,000

The Well Resource Center – Pella

Through paid work experience, skill development, education and one on one mentorship, funding will prepare 10 individuals for work in the high demand advanced manufacturing industry in two locations. Award: \$140,184

Willis Dady - Cedar Rapids

Willis Dady will use funding to cover the educational costs and provide stipends for up to 30 lowans in permeable landscaping and general business management leading to high-demand jobs in gardening and landscaping, billing and posting clerks, and bookkeeping. Award: \$126,500

YWCA Quad Cities – Davenport

The YWCA will offer a three- month program which will cover technical skills in the IT industry. The project will train 400 individuals as well as provide wrap-around supports to help address barriers and support success. Award: \$199,000