

Coronavirus Relief Registered Apprenticeship Incentive Grant for Post-Secondary Institutions and Healthcare Employers

The purpose of the Corona Virus Relief Registered Apprenticeship Incentive Program is to increase the number of Registered Apprenticeship Training Programs in post-secondary institutions and healthcare employers by providing grants for the purchase of equipment, tools, simulators, related training instruction materials, updated curriculum or other necessary items to expand or create new Registered Apprenticeship programs that provide for on-line learning as well as hands-on when necessary and safe. Expanding opportunities for lowans whose employment has been affected by or eliminated because of the coronavirus pandemic including low skilled workers who are veterans, returning citizens, members of underrepresented communities, minorities, women, lowans with disabilities, or low-income lowans.

Awardees

Northeast Iowa Community College – Calmar

The Northeast Iowa Apprenticeships project will expand its Industrial Maintenance and Computer Numerical Control (CNC) Registered Apprenticeship Programs as well as develop a new Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) Registered Apprenticeship Program. Simulators, trainers and e-learning modules are some of the items that will be purchased to support hybrid, on-line and face to face education opportunities. Award: \$250,000

Eastern Iowa Community College – Davenport

Funds will be utilized to purchase equipment for the Automotive, Advanced Manufacturing and Culinary Arts Registered Apprenticeship Programs. This will allow students the ability to observe hands-on training from a distance or remotely. Award: \$201,794

North Iowa Area Community College – Mason City

This project will create a new Productions Technician Registered Apprenticeship Program. In partnership with Serta Mattress Company, the program will train and certify Industrial Sewing Machine Operators. The company expects ultimately to fill 40-60 positions. Award: \$250,000

Hawkeye Community College – Waterloo

A new Industrial Maintenance Registered Apprenticeship Program will be created and several existing Registered Apprenticeship Programs will be expanded with funding. Training will be offered in a classroom setting, online, or as a hybrid. Tyson Foods, Iowa Laster, and John Deere are Hawkeyes primary partners in the Registered Apprenticeship Program. Award: \$250,000

Allen Memorial Hospital – Waterloo

Allen Memorial Hospital will utilize funding to enhance and evolve its existing Nurse Residency Program into a formal Registered Apprenticeship Program with the U.S. Department of Labor. Award: \$199,983

Broadlawns Medical Center – Des Moines

Funding will enhance Broadlawns Medical Center's current CNA Registered Apprenticeship Program which was put on hold due to the Coronavirus pandemic. The funding will purchase additional equipment and supplies to safely offer future programs. Award: \$171,680.56

Iowa Western Community College – Council Bluffs

Iowa Western Community College will invest in a mobile weld lab which will allow critical hands on training to take place while maintaining proper social distancing by bringing the lab equipment directly to the apprentices. Award: \$172,700

Central College – Pella

Funding will enhance several existing Registered Apprenticeship Programs including Welding and Certified Nursing Assistants and create a new Certified Medical Assistants Registered Apprenticeship program. Equipment such as newly created virtual reality tools for medical training and welder training systems that allow for accelerated skills training will be purchased. Award: \$209,903

Bridges of Iowa – Des Moines

Bridges of Iowa will use grant funds to create a new Behavioral Health Aid Registered Apprenticeship Program. Due to unforeseen consequences of the pandemic Iowa is expected to see an increase in substance abuse making this a much needed training program. Upon completion of the program, participants will receive a nationally recognized credential. Award: \$132,266

Sunrise Manor – Sioux City

Sunrise Manor will establish a new Certified Nursing Assistant Registered Apprenticeship Program. There is a critical demand for certified CNA professionals in the region. Award: \$73,434

University of Iowa – Iowa City

Funding will support the expansion of the University's current Iowa On-line Nurse Residency program which is a Healthcare Registered Apprenticeship Program. The expansion will focus on the long term care setting which has been on the front lines of the pandemic. Award: \$132,104

Indian Hills Community College – Ottumwa

Funding will establish a new Licensed Practical Nurse Registered Apprenticeship Program. The new program will feature high quality simulation equipment that enable individuals impacted by the pandemic to retrain for and obtain employment quickly in a high-demand field. Award: \$250,000

Pleasant View Care Center – Whiting

This project will create a new Certified Nursing Assistant Registered Apprenticeship Program. Once established the program will build to offer further training opportunities in healthcare in a location where healthcare training opportunities are much needed. Award: \$250,000

Southwestern Community College – Creston

Southwestern Community College will launch a new Registered Apprenticeship Training program in the agronomy industry to include commercial pesticide applicator and agronomy related CDL drivers. Award: \$164,375

Iowa Lakes Community College – Estherville

Funding will support the creation of an industrial tech lab at the Algona Campus, enroll eight Registered Apprentices and replicate the program at the Spirit Lake Campus. Award: \$249,852

Mercy One – Des Moines

Mercy One will reinstate and enhance its patient care tech/Certified Nursing Assistants Registered Apprenticeship Program. The program paused due to the COVID-19 student restrictions in the hospital and will now be able to restart and enroll individuals whose employment has been affected by the pandemic. Award: \$136,119

Kirkwood Community College – Cedar Rapids

Funding will create three new Registered Apprenticeship Programs in Heavy Truck Driver, Diesel Mechanic and Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Installer. Project partners include Suburban Lumber Company, Wendling Quarries Inc. and David Heating. Award: \$250,000

Mercy Medical Center – Cedar Rapids

A new Certified Nursing Assistants Registered Apprenticeship Program will be established and will serve a critical purpose in training Certified Nursing Assistants for a new residential care facility serving dementia patients and providing for assisted living. This will not only provide a path for entry level employees to pursue but also to attract entry level workers from the community who have been affected by the pandemic. Award: \$183,560

Western Home Services – Cedar Falls

Western Home Services will be developing a Home Health Director Registered Apprenticeship Program that will address a critical workforce need in the local area. Award: \$234,150

St. Anthony Regional Hospital – Carroll

This program will establish a new Certified Nursing Assistant Registered Apprenticeship Program. The goal is to recruit and train a minimum of 12 participants for the initial program. Award: \$37,454

Martin Health Center – Cedar Falls

Funding will create a new Home Health Aide, Geriatric Specialty Registered Apprenticeship Program focusing on those in the area that have lost their jobs due to the pandemic and who are seeking to begin a new career in healthcare. Award: \$243,390

William Penn University- Oskaloosa

William Penn will create a new Certified Nursing Assistant Registered Apprenticeship Program adding programming to the Nursing Division of the college to support employers in filling this needed high-demand position. Award: \$247,031

CHI Health – Missouri Valley

Funding will support development of a Certified Nursing Assistant Registered Apprenticeship program that can attract and retain individuals throughout the county as well as introduce them to the healthcare field. Award: \$250,000

Iowa Central Community College - Fort Dodge

Funds will purchase portable training units for Registered Apprentices in the Electrical Apprenticeship Program. An additional use will be to locate the portable units with the companies that have Registered Apprentices so they can have access to their lab equipment at their place of employment. Award: \$249,900

Informed Choice of Iowa Corporation - Iowa City

Funding will be used to create a new Registered Nurse Resident Ambulatory Women's Health Registered Apprenticeship Program. Award: \$169,015.35