



2023 Summer Youth Internship Program Awards

Boone Community School District - Boone

Award: \$23,315 Number of Participants Served: 15

Boone EDGE Summer Youth Internship is a 6-week project to place up to 15 students in internships with local partners in welding, electrical, construction, agriculture, manufacturing, and automotive technician and repair careers. The project will partner with iJAG and Iowa Vocational Rehab and was developed with the support of partners, Ames Chamber of Commerce & Ames Economic Development Commission and IowaWORKS in Boone and Story Counties. Boone Community Schools will partner with the Central Iowa WIOA Title I Youth Program and eligible participants will continue to receive support following the 6-week program. Students will gain on-the-job training and skills for careers of interest.

Des Moines Area Community College – Ankeny

Award: \$101,540 Number of Participants Served: 92

DMACC's Summer Youth Internship program will provide pre-employment skills, hands-on internship experiences, and other hard and soft skills development for youth ages 14-24. The goal is to prepare participants to succeed in obtaining high demand employment in career fields of interest that provide living wages and potential career advancement in the future. Grant funds will fund both the Evelyn K. Davis Center in Des Moines as well as the Perry VanKirk Center in Perry. Identified high demand internship opportunities will include CNA, early childhood education, welding, child care, human services, information technology, digital marketing, auto collision technology, banking, and transportation, distribution & logistics. DMACC has identified over 25 partnering employers and will co-enroll participants with the Central Iowa WIOA Title I Youth Program.

Des Moines Independent Community School District – Des Moines

Award: \$35,718 Number of Participants Served: 5

The DMPS Summer Youth Internship is a computer training internship which includes computer user support specialist, computer network support specialist, computer systems analyst, computer programmer, and network and computer systems administrator occupations. Participants will build their skills and confidence to seek jobs with competitive wages and benefits. The program will train five participants for nine weeks at DMPS Technology. Participants may earn certifications from TestOut like PC Pro, IT Fundamentals Pro, Security Pro, etc. DMPS will partner with Central Campus and DMPS Technology.

NewBo City Market – Cedar Rapids

Award: \$21,800 Number of Participants Served: 10

NewBo City Market will create the Business Management Internship Program to work with students and recent graduates of Metro High School, an alternative high school serving 100% at-risk teens. Participants will receive one-on-one mentorship from small business owners and management-specific training related to business operations. The goal of the program is to empower youth at risk of not graduating or finding employment to become future managers and business leaders. Youth will be introduced to a variety of soft and hard skills including financial planning, profit and loss calculations, customer service, teamwork and collaboration, delegation and communication, as well as other skills. The project will partner with the East Central WIOA Title I Youth Program and Linn County Public Health.

Pella Community School District – Pella

Award: \$27,140 Number of Participants Served: 12

Pella Community High School in collaboration with ICE Technologies, Musco Lighting, Pella Corporation, and Vermeer Corporation have developed the Information Technology Specialist Certificate of Achievement due to the intense need for workforce in the field of information technology. Pella Community Schools partnered with Central College to provide the Information Technology Specialist Certificate of Achievement to prepare participants for IT careers through foundation skill attainment, 2-week intensive training, 6-week work-based learning experience, and mentor support. The program will offer focused training that is pertinent to the employers' identified needs, offering potential academic credit and supporting the potential for participants to continue their work-based learning experience leading to full-time employment. Pella Community Schools will also bridge support through partnership with the Central Iowa WIOA Title I Youth Program.

Ringgold County Hospital – Mount Ayr

Award: \$28,532 Number of Participants Served: 6

The Ringgold Country Hospital Healthcare Internship will be conducted over a 17-week period with students working a 12-week period within that time frame. Participants will have direct exposure/on-the-job training in healthcare careers including laboratory, radiology, physical therapy, and on the acute floor and in the medical clinic. Participants will also receive training on employability skills, hard/soft skills, interviewing skills and resume writing, and financial literacy training, culminating with a mock-interview. Ringgold County Hospital will partner with The Workplace Learning Network from Southwestern Community College and the TRIO program from Graceland University. Student and recent graduate participants will be recruited through Mount Ayr Community School and Diagonal Community School in partnership with the Southwest Iowa WIOA Title I office.

Wapello County Emergency Management Agency - Ottumwa

Award: \$98,565 Number of Participants Served: 16

Wapello County Emergency Management Agency will create the Supporting Rural EMS Through an Internship Initiative to provide EMS training including CPR, physicals, immunizations, HIPPA, and blood-borne pathogens as well as training on soft skills and job interviewing. The program will include exploration time in other areas that support work with EMS such as nursing homes, other departments of the hospital, clinics, and fire departments. Interns will complete classroom hours as required by the EMT training program and have hands-on skills time. Wapello County Emergency Management Agency has partnered with the Central Iowa WIOA Title I program to co-enroll eligible participants.

WeLIFT Job Search Center Inc. – Indianola

Award: \$42,390 Number of Participants Served: 20

WeLIFT will create a Summer Youth Internship Program for Rural Iowans in Warren, Marion, and Madison Counties which will help educate participants and provide workforce training so participants can obtain a career that provides economic stability. The project will provide a unique opportunity for youth and young adults to grow in their professional skills while simultaneously exploring high demand careers in automotive mechanics, construction, child care, health and wellness, and culinary/restaurant and hospitality fields. WeLIFT has partnered with the Central WIOA Title I office to help support co-enrolled participants.

TOTALS:

Total Awards: \$379,000

Total Number of Projects: 8

Total Number of Participants Served: 176*

**based on applicant estimates*