



Summary of Future Ready Iowa Employer Innovation Fund Awards

Ames Economic Development Commission – Ames

The Ames Area Chamber in partnership with the DMACC Boone Campus, DMACC Hunziker Center, Story County United Way and private businesses will bring accelerated certificate programs to the region. Programs will include Manufacturing Production Technician, Trade Apprentice Prep, MIG Welding and Basic & Advanced Certified Nursing Assistant. The program will serve up to 60 people and provide transportation and child care support for participants.

Award \$15,000

Home Builders Association of Iowa City Vocational Training Council – Iowa City

The Vocational Training Council will outfit their existing trailer as a mobile construction lab for local students who would not otherwise have access to tools and trade experiences. This addresses a challenge of not having enough tools available for student build house programs. This will increase will provide an opportunity for more than 1,000 students.

Award \$5,000

Iowa Lakes Community College – Estherville

Iowa Lakes will launch two certificate program tracks: Certified Bookkeeper and Society for Human Resource Management Certification. Tuition, books, fees, and support services will be provided for a minimum of 20 individuals.

Award \$50,000

Iowa Prison Industries – Anamosa

This project will provide vocational training to 12 men incarcerated at the Anamosa State Penitentiary. The training will be provided in partnership with Kirkwood Community College for welding instruction and qualification testing for the American Welding Society certificate.

Award \$50,000

Jewels Academy – Des Moines

Project Emerald, a new program of Jewels Academy will teach computer science skills to 5 high school girls in Central Iowa. The participants will be provided industry-recognized computer science training, internship opportunities, and other support services.

Award \$ 22,236

Lee County Economic Development Group – Keokuk

Partners including Fort Madison and Keokuk Community School Districts, Southeastern Community College, Huffman Welding & Machine, Inc., Steffensmeier Welding & Manufacturing and Gregory Design and Manufacturing are developing a Virtual Reality Welding Career Exploration Program that will target different types of welding skills and careers critical to the workforce in southeast Iowa. This program will not only target youth but adult learners as well and will reach more than 1,200 Iowans.

Award \$39,080

Marshall County Communications Commission – Marshalltown

Twenty lowans will be offered a learning opportunity, the ability to earn certification, and to apply for high demand careers in 911 communications through this program. The anticipated outcome is for participants to obtain certification in the 40- hour basic course and eventually obtain employment.

Award \$50,000

One City United – Waterloo

One City brings collaborative efforts together to provide training, support services and internship opportunities to lowans with multiple barriers to employment. This program will provide 50 lowans with opportunities and needed support to be successful and with the goal of full time employment.

Award \$10,500

Optimae LifeServices, Inc. – Fairfield

Optimae will be providing direct support professionals and their supervisors the opportunity to earn nationally recognized badges and certifications through the National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals. 200 employees will have upskilling opportunities.

Award \$5,500

United Way of Central Iowa – Des Moines

United Way of Central Iowa will leverage private funds with this grant funding to support a total of 36 lowans in completing their CNA credential and securing employment in the healthcare sector.

Award \$18,000

Clarke County Development Corporation – Osceola

With matching funds Clarke County Hospital will support 14 employees in obtaining additional high demand training and education in the areas of CNA, LPN, RN, Lab, and Radiology.

Award \$22,000

The New Bohemian Innovation Collaborative – Cedar Rapids

This funding supports scholarships for 8 lowans underrepresented in high demand IT occupations to participate and complete the accelerated IT training programs NewBoCo offers. Funds support tuition assistance and cost of program materials including a laptop and textbooks.

Award \$48,200

The Well Resource Center – Pella

In partnership with local manufacturing businesses, 25 participants are provided with paid work experience, skill development, education, and one on one mentorship to overcome barriers in their lives that are preventing them from employment or advancement.

Award \$50,000

TOTALS:

FRI EIF Grant Awards: \$385,516

Number of People Served: 2,665