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Governor Cuomo Announces $18 Million Initiative to Train Workers and Support Entrepreneurs During and After the COVID-19 Pandemic

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Federal Grant Will Be Used to Fund Educational Opportunities that Train New Yorkers for In-Demand Jobs, Support Entrepreneurs, and

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Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that, during Workforce Development Awareness Week (https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/Workforce_Development_Awareness_Week_2020.pdf), New York State has been awarded an $18 million federal grant to fund educational opportunities that train New Yorkers for in-demand jobs, support entrepreneurs, and help small businesses recover from the coronavirus pandemic. New York was one of just eight states to receive the funding - made available through the CARES Act - and received the most of any state that was awarded a grant.

"The coronavirus pandemic is far from over, and as we continue to fight against this deadly virus, we must also respond to the economic devastation it has caused. With millions of Americans out of work, we must use every resource available to train New Yorkers to compete - and succeed - in this difficult economic situation," **Governor Andrew Cuomo said.** "Our workforce is the bedrock of our economy, and I know that this funding will help bridge the gap between education and industry, allowing us to build back better by uplifting both individuals looking for jobs and small businesses across the state."

"We are making success accessible ensuring New Yorkers have the training and skills they need to seek new jobs and opportunities as we continue to battle this pandemic," said Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul. "Our ongoing workforce development initiative is supporting efforts to improve the economic security of women, youth and other groups that face significant barriers by making job placement more inclusive and leaving no New Yorker behind. We are sending a clear message to New Yorkers that they will have the training and skills they need to succeed as we build back better, smarter and stronger for the future."

Read the full press release here. (https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-18-million-initiative-train-workers-and-support-entrepreneurs-during)

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