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Governor Hogan Announces Over $2.8 Million in Grant Awards to Create and Expand Apprenticeship Opportunities

Investing in the Future of the State's Workforce Through Registered Apprenticeship Programs

ANNAPOLIS, MD—Governor Larry Hogan today announced that the Maryland Department of Labor has awarded over $2.8 million to assist businesses and organizations creating and expanding apprenticeship opportunities in Maryland. The total number of registered apprentices has increased by more than 35% under the Hogan administration.

"Our administration remains committed to strengthening our economy by building a 21st century workforce that meets and surpasses the needs of Maryland's businesses," said Governor Hogan. "This investment in apprenticeships will help connect businesses with a steady pipeline of talent and create rewarding career opportunities for our citizens."

This $2.8 million grant is the third in a series of federal expansion grants that Labor has competitively secured for Maryland. Labor allocated $1.75 million of its State Apprenticeship Expansion Grant to create the Apprenticeship Innovation Fund (AIF) 2.0, which has successfully seeded the implementation of innovative ideas and expanded the reach of Registered Apprenticeship programs in Maryland.

"I would like to congratulate the businesses and organizations that have received funding from the Apprenticeship Innovation Fund 2.0 to help achieve their goal of starting or expanding an apprenticeship program in Maryland," said Labor Secretary Tiffany Robinson. "As our state continues its economic recovery from COVID-19, I encourage Marylanders seeking employment or a new career path to consider the earn and learn model of apprenticeships offered by over 3,690 employers across the state."

Labor has awarded funding from the AIF 2.0 to eight businesses and organizations, which will each register at least 100 new apprentices:

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Awardee	Award Amount	Project Summary
National Restaurant Association Education Foundation	$249,935.51	Launch a new apprenticeship program for the hospitality/food service industry for the occupations of Line Cook and Back of House Supervisor.
Independent Electrical Contractors - Chesapeake	$249,884.69	Expand the existing apprenticeship program by adding more high school students as dual enrolled youth/registered apprentices in Howard and Anne Arundel counties, grow its underutilized Telecommunications Tech occupation, and add apprentices related to solar/alternative energy or existing IEC members that have not registered apprentices within the past four years.
Humanim	$250,000.00	Convert existing apprenticeship program for the occupation of Direct Support Professional to an apprenticeship program that can serve multiple employers hiring individuals facing behavioral and developmental disabilities.
Maryland Building Industry Association	$250,000.00	Create a new apprenticeship program for the occupation of Residential Carpenter.
Anne Arundel Community College	$249,944.00	Create a new apprenticeship program serving the gaming industry with two new, nontraditional occupations of Table Games Dealer and Security/Loss Prevention Specialist.
Howard Community College	$250,000.00	Launch three new apprenticeship programs in Health IT and expand existing apprenticeship programs in construction management, IT field support, network field support, information systems security, and biomedical engineering technology.
Community College of Baltimore County	$125,000.00	Facilitate the placement of 100 apprentices in at least three new and/or reactivated non-traditional programs sponsored by CCBC through braiding funding with the Apprenticeship Center project funded by the American Association of Community Colleges.
Franklin Apprenticeships	$125,000.00	Grow existing apprenticeship program in Information Technology/Cybersecurity occupations by placing 100 new apprentices with up to 50 employer partners.

Labor has also allocated $700,000 of its State Apprenticeship Expansion Grant to establish a Related Instruction Reimbursement Program. This new initiative will allow Registered Apprenticeship employers to offset the cost of registering new apprentices by allowing a reimbursement for the actual cost of related instruction up to a maximum of $3,000 per new apprentice registered, until program funds are exhausted. Complete funding eligibility and requirements can be found here.

Businesses and job seekers interested in apprenticeships are invited to visit the Maryland Department of Labor's website at MDapprenticeship.com, email info@mdapprenticeship.com, or call 410-767-2246.

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