

GWB Innovative Partnership grant awards

The community-based organization **Amos House** of Providence shall be awarded \$145,282 to enroll 60 homeless and low income Rhode Islanders in an expanded culinary program that includes training in customer service and front-of-house operations. Employer partners include Blount Fine Foods, Bristol Harbor Bake Mixes, Friendship Café, More than a Meal Catering, Rhode Island School of Design and White Glove Service. White Glove Service also serves as an education partner.

The community-based organization **Connecting for Children and Families** of Woonsocket shall be awarded \$168,366 to provide experiential culinary arts and hospitality training to 60 unemployed and underemployed area residents. Employer partners include the Cakery, Grumpy's Restaurant, Head Start Child Development Association, Kay's Restaurant, Kevin's Galley Fish & Chips, The Lodge Pub & Eatery, NeighborWorks Blackstone River Valley, Riverfalls Restaurant and Lounge, Olly's Pizzeria, St. Antoine Residence, and Uno Chicago Grill. Education partners include the RI Hospitality Education Foundation and Chef Mario Santilli.

Educational provider the **New England Institute of Technology** in East Greenwich shall be awarded \$250,000 to provide entry-level occupational skills training within the shipbuilding and machine technology industries to 50 unemployed individuals. Employer partners include General Dynamics/Electric Boat, Guill Tool and Engineering, Jade Engineered Plastics, SENESCO Marine and Swissline Precision Manufacturing.

The community-based organization **OpenDoors** of Providence shall be awarded \$130,423 to provide transitional employment, additional certification training and post-certification internships for 20 ex-offenders ages 25-30. Employer partners include Office Recycling Solutions and Providence Computer Resources. The RI Department of Corrections and Providence Computer Resources serve as education partners.

Area employer **Rhode Island Hospital** of Providence shall be awarded \$226,848 to provide accelerated certified nursing assistant training to 45 unemployed and underemployed Rhode Islanders. Additional employer partners include Miriam Hospital and Summit Commons. The RI Nurse institute Middle College Charter School serves as an education partner.

The **RI Marine Trades Association** of Bristol—a GWB Industry Partner— shall be awarded \$142,788 to offer a pre-apprenticeship training program for 20 unemployed and underemployed Rhode Islanders. Employer partners include Bristol Marine, Freedom Boat Club, Hinckley Yachts, Hunt Yachts, LaserPerformance and Newport Shipyard. Education partners include Confident Captain, the Gowrie Group, International Yacht Restoration School, JH Restorations, Kellogg Marine Supply, New England Institute of Technology and SkillsUSA.

Area employer **St. Antoine Residence** of North Smithfield shall be awarded \$248,823 to provide certified nursing assistant and health care career training, in combination with career counseling, job readiness training and case management services, to 151 Rhode Islanders. Additional employer partners include the Ballou Home, Evergreen (Northern RI Assisted Living), Hebert Health Center, Heritage Hill, Homefront Healthcare, Overlook Nursing Home and Trinity Health. Educational partners include CareLink, the Community College of Rhode Island, Family Resources Community Action, Haig and Associated, the Pathfinder Foundation, RIRAL and Stepping Up.

Stepping Up of Providence—a GWB Industry Partner— shall be awarded \$247,363 to create clinical residency opportunities and mentoring for 24 unemployed and underemployed, newly licensed registered nurses who have already earned an associate’s degree. Employer partners include AccessPoint RI, Butler Hospital, Emerald Bay Retirement Living, J. Arthur Trudeau Memorial Center, Kent Hospital, Miriam Hospital, Rhode Island Hospital, Thundermist Health Center, VNA of Care New England and Women & Infants Hospital. The RI Action Coalition serves as an education partner.

The **Tech Collective** of Providence—a GWB Industry Partner— shall be awarded \$218,118 to provide work readiness and technology training, as well as certification and experiential learning, to 15 unemployed and underemployed Rhode Islanders. Employer partners include AAA Southern New England, Atrion Networking Corp., Brave River Solutions, CVS, Envision Technology Advisors, GTECH, PC Troubleshooters, NetSense, and Vertical Performance. Education partners include New Horizons Computer Training Center and the Bryant University Executive Development Center.

Area employer the **J. Arthur Trudeau Memorial Center** of Warwick shall be awarded \$192,865 to provide training and internship experiences to 100 job seekers interested in becoming Direct Service Providers for the state’s disabled and senior populations. The Community College of Rhode Island serves as an education partner.

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Total number of awards: 10  
Total number of employer partners: 50+  
Total number of individuals to be trained: 545  
Total number of projected work experiences/internships: 421  
Total number of projected job placements: 302

Range of awards: \$130,000 - \$250,000  
Total amount of awards: \$1.97 million