

COVID-19 WORKFORCE RECOVERY PROGRAMS



WORKFORCE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT:

Grants to assist Indian River County residents in hardest-hit industries (hospitality, entertainment, food and beverage, personal services, etc.) to retrain and retool skills for local in-demand industries and occupations.

- 1. CSRC will provide scholarships for short term training and certifications in in-demand skills for industries that are hiring.
 - Eligible residents may receive up to \$10,000.00 in scholarship grant funds.
 - CSRC will utilize the following scale to award grants:
 - o Up to \$5,000.00 to cover cost of tuition, books, and fees.

CSRC will provide job placement support to participants.

Grants to assist Indian River County for-profit businesses to retrain or upskill existing employees to meet new market demands and retain workers.

- 2. CSRC will provide Layoff Aversion/Incumbent Worker Training services up to \$10,000.00 to eligible businesses.
 - CSRC will utilize the following scale to award grants to employers who **retain and retrain** current employees:
 - o 3–10 full-time employees up to \$5,000.00
 - o 1 1–25 full-time employees up to \$7,500.00
 - o 26-50 full-time employees up to \$10,000.00

Grants to fund paid work-based learning programs for displaced and or dislocated workers.

- 3. CSRC will provide On the Job Training Grants to eligible business up to \$10,000.00 to hire and train impacted workers.
 - CSRC will utilize the following scale to award grants:
 - 3–10 full-time employees up to \$5,000.00
 - 1 1–25 full-time employees up to \$7,500.00
 - 26–50 full-time employees up to \$10,000.00

Evaluate workforce readiness opportunities and programs to assist impacted workers in overcoming barriers to employment.

 CSRC will assess and provide job readiness soft skills training to assist impacted applicants to master the soft skills required to attain and retain a job to achieve long term career success.

Program Eligibility/Requirements

- Residents and businesses participating in the programs must have suffered economic injury due to COVID-19, or a business must be hiring a resident economically injured by COVID-19.
- Business must be in recovery mode, open and operational in some fashion consistent with the Governor's guidelines, CDC guidance and market realities.
- Administered as a Countywide program through an agreement with CSRC and Indian River County, and in collaboration with the EDC