



2023 Schools-to-Work Program Grant Awardees

In this third round of STWP grant funding, workforce development programs and training centers received up to \$250,000 to create career and post-secondary education opportunities for recent graduates through pre-apprenticeship programs. Specifically, these organizations will offer classroom training, workplace visits, internships, mentorships, job shadowing and externships for participating students.

APPLICANT	AWARD
Carnegie Mellon University	\$250,000.00
Delaware County Community College	\$235,898.00
Early Connections	\$250,000.00
Greater Northeast Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce	\$237,740.00
Independent Electrical Contractors Pennsylvania	\$129,884.00
The Learning Lamp	\$224,790.00
PHASE 4 Learning Center	\$250,000.00
Philadelphia Carpenters JATC	\$245,308.00
Pittsburgh Public Schools	\$216,894.00
River Valley School District	\$250,000.00
York County Alliance for Learning	\$250,000.00
TOTAL	\$2,540,514.00

Carnegie Mellon University (Allegheny County – \$250,000)

This project bridges two key sectors of southwest Pennsylvania's economy to provide an equity-conscious pathway for learners to enter the workforce immediately, but with core technical understandings geared toward the future. The Robotics and Advanced Manufacturing Pathways for Underserved Populations', also known as RAMP UP, approach leverages trained staff and resources from Carnegie Mellon Robotics Academy to deliver SMART Robotics technician training to underserved formal credit recovery high-school students (aged 17-21) at Passport Charter School, a formal learning site where this type of training is typically not found.

Delaware County Community College (Chester and Delaware counties – \$235,898)

To bridge the gap between high school and employment or postsecondary education, Delaware County Community College (DCCC) and its partners will provide instruction, technical education, hands-on learning and real-world industry training to advance students from pre-apprenticeships to apprenticeships in carpentry and electrical occupations, which are deemed high priority in both Delaware and Chester counties. Students can also pursue industry-

recognized Certificates of Competency and Associates in Applied Science Degrees.

Early Connections (Clarion, Crawford, Erie, Forest, Lawrence, Mercer, Venango and Warren counties – \$250,000)

Early Connections will serve the Northwest Region, offering services and support to registered pre-apprentices, linking pre-apprentices to employment and/or the Registered Early Childhood Apprenticeship Program to help individuals graduating from high school to connect to employment, and further their credentials through post-secondary education.

Greater Northeast Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce (Philadelphia County – \$237,740)

The Greater Northeast Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce will serve as the administrator for a pre-apprenticeship program with project partners Northeast High School (NEHS) and the Carpenters Joint Training Center of Philadelphia. A total of 60 students (30 per training) will participate in a pre-apprenticeship program that will provide hands-on knowledge of the field of carpentry and prepare students for the next steps required to work in one of the carpentry trades.

Independent Electrical Contractors Pennsylvania (IEC Pennsylvania – \$129,884)

The IEC Pennsylvania pre-apprenticeship program will provide nationally accredited curriculum to school districts, cyber schools, charter schools, private schools, career technical centers, and other community outreach programs that enroll high school juniors or seniors into the IEC Pennsylvania registered “Aspire To Be an Electrician” pre-apprenticeship program. Secondary students registered to participate in the pre-apprenticeship program will complete technical instruction coursework and hands-on activities.

The Learning Lamp (Cambria, Clearfield, Indiana and Somerset counties – \$224,790)

The Learning Lamp's Early Childhood Education (ECE) Registered Pre-Apprenticeship Program provides high school students with the opportunity to graduate with a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential. With pre-apprenticeship serving as a bridge, students can seamlessly transition to ECE Registered Apprenticeship and scholarship-funded advanced degree pathways to earn associate and bachelor's degrees in early childhood and K-4 education at no cost.

PHASE 4 Learning Center (Allegheny County – \$250,000)

The PHASE 4 Giving Opportunities through Robotics and Manufacturing program (P4GO RAM2) is designed to prepare individuals from underserved communities in Pittsburgh/Allegheny

County with opportunities to receive a high school education through community partnerships; earn a high school diploma; receive work-readiness/soft-skills training; earn industry-recognized credentials; participate in pre-apprenticeship training; transition to a registered apprenticeship program; and enter the workforce earning a life-sustaining wage. P4GO RAM2 coordinates resources that help underserved youth and young adults find and follow a continuous path to family-sustaining employment. The program also creates networking opportunities through outreach and provides free or reduced tuition costs for program participants.

Philadelphia Carpenters JATC (Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lehigh, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties – \$245,308)

The goal of the Philadelphia Joint Apprenticeship Training Center is to expand its registered pre-apprenticeship program preparing students for careers in carpentry. The program will serve more students and expand its geographical footprint to include counties outside of Philadelphia (Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lehigh, Montgomery). The Philadelphia JATC seeks to provide a clear path to one of three of its registered apprenticeship programs to underserved members of the local workforce, including women and minorities.

Pittsburgh Public Schools (Allegheny County – \$216,894)

The Pipeline Into The Trades (P.I.T.T.) Pre-Apprenticeship Program, sponsored by the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Division of Pittsburgh Public Schools (PPS) and the Eastern Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters, is designed to augment CTE's existing carpentry program of study to better prepare students to gain entry into the Carpenters' Union Apprenticeship Program.

River Valley School District (Armstrong, Indiana and Westmoreland counties – \$250,000)

The River Valley School District (RVSD) will enhance the electrical occupations/lineman classroom and laboratory environments. This workforce development program is specifically intended to prepare graduates for careers as residential, commercial, and industrial electricians as well as linemen.

York County Alliance for Learning (Cumberland and York counties – \$250,000)

Through a pre-apprenticeship model, the York County Alliance for Learning will partner with the York Builders Association's Workforce NOW Foundation to provide training career exploration and skills development opportunities to youth at partner schools in York and parts of Cumberland counties.