



## 2021 Veterans Employment Program Grant Awardees

The Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry (L&I) announces the availability of \$1.8M of funding for a Veterans Employment Program (VEP) Grant.

Pennsylvania continues to seek ways to assist our most honorable citizens. Ensuring access to employment support is one piece of PA's strategic Initiative. VEP funding provides Pennsylvania Veterans with flexible resources to support innovative solutions to address veterans' barriers to employment.

Eligible applicants include Local Workforce Development Boards, non-profits and non-governmental entities community-based organizations, education and post-secondary organizations, labor organizations, business associations, and economic development entities.

Grants were awarded utilizing Workforce Opportunity and Innovations Act (WIOA) Industry Partnership and Reemployment funds. A list of grantees and brief summaries of their projects follow. All projects were funded 100% of their requested amounts.

| APPLICANT   | AWARD               |
|---|---------------------|
| Education Data Systems                                | \$200,000.00        |
| NuPaths, LLC  | \$199,998.00        |
| Private Industry Council of Westmoreland Fayette Inc. | \$193,034.50        |
| Lackawanna County Workforce Development Board         | \$192,332.00        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>\$785,364.50</b> |

**Grantee:** Educational Data Systems Inc.

**Grant Title:** Veterans Career Acceleration Program (VCAP)

**Amount Awarded:** \$200,000.00

**Location:** Delaware County

**Project Summary:** Educational Data Systems Inc. (EDSI) will provide multi-week, industry-specific Career Acceleration Programs (CAPs) for 30 Veterans. They will provide at least one CAP in each of the following industries: IT, Healthcare, Construction/Skilled Trades, and Customer Service. CAPs will include soft skills, input from local employers, and a capstone project, followed by placement assistance. Ten additional Veterans will receive comprehensive career coaching

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**Grantee:** NuPaths, LLC

**Grant Title:** NuPaths for Veterans

**Amount Awarded:** \$199,998.00

**Location:** Beaver, Delaware, Fayette Counties

**Project Summary:** NuPaths will train 24 Veterans living in the proposed counties for entry-level jobs for Network Technician and IT Security Analysts job roles. Programs will be in an accessible distance learning format and provide technical skills training, industry certifications, and the job search and readiness skills needed to begin and apprenticeship or full-time IT job.

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**Grantee:** Private Industry Council of Westmoreland Fayette Inc.

**Grant Title:** PIC Veterans Employment Program

**Amount Awarded:** \$193,034.50

**Location:** Fayette County

**Project Summary:** Private Industry Council will serve Fayette County and will assist 36 Veterans in overcoming barriers to employment by supplementing existing programs, assist Veterans in transitioning to civilian employment and give them the opportunity to earn well above the local median income for Fayette County.

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**Grantee:** Lackawanna County Workforce Development Board

**Grant Title:** A Helping Hand-Assisting Veterans in Lackawanna County

**Amount Awarded:** \$192,332.00

**Location:** Lackawanna County

**Project Summary:** Lackawanna County Workforce Development Board has designed this project to augment existing Veterans services in Lackawanna County through the provision of outreach, case management, and employment acquisition assistance. Through one-on-one interaction, barriers will be addressed and eliminated to allow for entry into occupational skills training, on-the-job training, and/or placement into an unsubsidized, family-sustaining job.