# NextLevel Jobs

## **INDIANA'S NEXT LEVEL JOBS PROGRAM**

provides Hoosiers with free training in high-growth, in-demand job fields. The Workforce Ready Grant pays for Hoosiers to earn a high-value certificate in one of five high-demand job fields and the Employer Training Grant provides employers with reimbursements for training their employees.

# THE CHALLENGE

of Hoosiers who have quality education and training beyond high school right now

Indiana's Big Goal for educational attainment by 2025

#### **■ WORKFORCE NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

**253,000+** high school students expected to graduate by 2025

**1.5 MILLION** working-age Hoosiers without a credential beyond a high school diploma

**150,000+** current job openings statewide

**1 MILLION** expected job vacancies over the next 10 years

**68%** of employers say filling talent needs is a challenge †

# **ECONOMIC IMPACT GOAL**

By 2030, Indiana will be in the top five of peer states for median household income



### **INDIANA'S CALL TO ACTION: NEXT LEVEL JOBS**



Governor Eric Holcomb launched the Next Level Jobs program in 2017 to equip workingage Hoosiers and Indiana employers with the training and skills needed to succeed. Next Level Jobs provides tuition-free training in high-demand areas: :

- Agriculture † †
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Building & Construction
- Business & IT Services
- Health & Life Sciences
- Transportation & Logistics

#### **INDIANA'S INVESTMENT**

#### \$4 MILLION

available annually to students for the Workforce Ready Grant (up to \$5,500 for qualifying programs)



#### \$17 MILLION

available for employers through the Employer Training Grant (up to \$50,000 for employers)

#### RESULTS SINCE 2017

# **WORKFORCE READY GRANT**

**68,000+** Hoosiers enrolled

**38,000+** Hoosiers completed a certificate

\$6,800 median annual wage gain

# **EMPLOYER TRAINING GRANT**

**3,700+** employers have

engaged **41,800+** trainees

**\$4,100** wage gain









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# RAPID RECOVERY FOR A BETTER FUTURE: INDIANA'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY RESPONSE

Early in the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Holcomb tasked a team of state government, higher education, workforce and industry leaders to strategize a path forward to help Hoosiers get back on their feet. The Rapid Recovery for a Better Future initiative utilized \$75 million in federal CARES Act funding to scale up the Next Level Jobs program and other state initiatives.

#### **BETWEEN JUNE 2020 AND JANUARY 2021:**

29,867 Hoosiers enrolled in the Workforce Ready Grant **17,880** Hoosiers earned a Workforce Ready Grant-eligible certificate

1,241 employers engaged with the Employer Training Grant **11,752** employees were trained

**4,977** Hoosiers were hired with an average wage of \$20.86/per hour with the Employer Training Grant

### INVESTMENT IN THE NEXT LEVEL JOBS PROGRAM (JUNE-DECEMBER 2020)

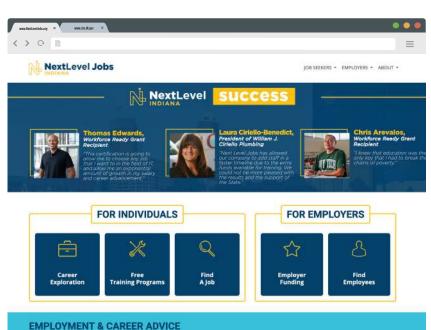
CARES Act funding investment in the Workforce Ready Grant between June and December

41.9 state and federal funds obligated to employers for new trainees since July 1, 2020

#### **RESOURCES FOR HOOSIERS**

#### **NEXTLEVELJOBS.ORG**

Job seekers and employers can connect to free education and training options, available jobs, career exploration and more.



- Workforce Ready Grant
  - · Up to two years of free education in one of five indemand and high-growth fields
- Employer Training Grant
  - · Reimbursable training grants for employers looking to upskill or reskill current or prospective employees
- Hoosier Talent Network
  - Thousands of job postings available for both job seekers and employers to connect
- Indiana Career Explorer
  - Career exploration for students from K-12 through returning adults







