

Grant Project Descriptions

Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association, Tallahassee, FL

Organization Type: Non-profit trade association

Project Name: *HealthQuest*

Award Amount: \$6,000,000

Target H-1B Industry Sector(s): Health care

Target H-1B Occupations: Clinical social workers, mental health counselors, marriage and family therapists, addiction professionals, clinical case managers, clinical specialists, and registered nurses with specialties in addiction.

Credential(s) Awarded: Combination of college-credits, college and advanced degrees, and state licensure as appropriate for the individual to attain independent work status, examples include Certified Addiction Specialist, Certified Addiction Counselor, and Certified Addiction Professional.

New or Existing Apprenticeship Program: New and existing

Cybersecurity and AI: No

Summary of Apprenticeship Program Activities: The Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association was awarded \$6,000,000 for the *HealthQuest* project, which will create new and expand existing apprenticeships in healthcare and healthcare-related occupations. *HealthQuest* will provide apprenticeship training to 5,000 unemployed, underemployed and incumbent workers in multiple locations throughout the United States in a variety of health care occupations including clinical social workers, mental health counselors, clinical specialists, and registered nurses with specialties in addiction. The program will create new high-quality apprenticeships and will also expand existing apprenticeships nationally. The program is National in geographic scope and will serve unemployed, underemployed, and incumbent workers with a focus on veterans, military spouses and transitioning service members, individuals in Florida and California including those in Opportunity Zones.

Geographic Scope: National

Service Area: Florida, California

Opportunity Zone: Yes

Proposed Number of Apprentices Served: 5,000

Target Population: Unemployed, underemployed, and incumbent workers with a focus on veterans, military spouses and transitioning service members

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