

H-1B One Workforce Grants

City of Refuge, Inc.

Tech Transformation Academy (T2 Academy)

Partnership Lead Entity:	City of Refuge, Inc.
Lead Entity Type:	Education/Training Provider, Community-based Organization
Total Funding:	\$5,452,593
Total Leveraged Resources:	\$2,970,000
Partnership Lead City/State:	Atlanta, Georgia
One Workforce Partnership:	<p>Employer Partners: EY, Elavon/US Bank, Interapt, Revel, and UPS</p> <p>Training Partners: DigitalCrafts and Carolina Cyber Center</p> <p>Workforce Development Partners: WorkSource Atlanta, WorkSource Fulton</p>
Service Area:	Local/Regional, Atlanta, Georgia
Project Title:	Tech Transformation Academy (T2 Academy)
Summary of Program Activities:	The T2 Academy is developing a replicable, comprehensive workforce training strategy for middle-to high-skilled H-1B occupations within the Information Technology (IT) sector. The grant partnership team is designing the T2 Academy to recruit a total of 280 unemployed or underemployed participants to enroll in the classes. The T2 Academy is incorporating high quality training, with a work experience internship and full access to case management and support services. Two types of training include: Web Developer (7 cohorts of 20 students each) and Cybersecurity (140 students over four years). Once training is complete, students will receive credentials and be placed in a Web Developer or Cybersecurity position. Students who do not find employment will be placed in a 12-month internship to provide work experience. Upon grant award, the T2 Academy will have a six-month planning, hiring, and recruiting period.
Credentials to Be Awarded:	Students in the Web Developer Classes will receive an industry recognized Full Stack Web Developer Credential upon graduation. This credential qualifies them to become a Web Developer/Software Engineer.
Population(s) to Be Served:	Unemployed, underemployed Black residents of Atlanta, GA/Fulton County with barriers to employment.
Targeted Industry Sector(s) and Occupation(s):	Sector(s): IT/Cybersecurity
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