

H-1B Rural Healthcare Grants

Governor's Office of Workforce Innovation (OWINN)

Organization Type: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) State and Local Workforce Development Boards

Project Name: *Health Care Workforce Development Program*

Award Amount: \$2,500,000

Target H-1B Healthcare Occupations: Registered Nurse, Re-Entry Nurse, Licensed Practical Nurse, Radiology Technologists, Physical Therapy Assistant/Aide, Certified Nursing Assistant, Medical Assistant, Certification/Licensure, Phlebotomist, Psychiatric Technician, and Pharmacy Technician

Credential(s) Awarded: Associates Degree; Refresher Courses; Diploma; Licensure; Certification

Summary of Program Activities: The **Governor's Office of Workforce Innovation (OWINN)**'s *Health Care Workforce Development Program* will support the proposed Rural Nevada Healthcare Grant Program, which aims to increase access to healthcare occupations in rural Nevada communities. Residents in Nevada's rural communities are not only geographically isolated, but also economically and medically vulnerable. Specifically, the program will expand access to training in occupations in the healthcare field (including behavioral and mental healthcare) that directly impacts patient care, alleviates workforce shortages, and serves populations in rural northern Nevada counties. The project will develop partnerships between healthcare, government, and education to ensure adequate healthcare resources to meet the growing healthcare needs in northern Nevada. The project will offer training, job placement, advocacy, career coaching and job search assistance, On-the-Job Training (OJT), occupational skills training, customized assessments, resume writing, interviewing skills, dress for success, and supportive services. The target populations are veterans, military spouses, transitioning service members, and underrepresented populations, including women, people of color, and ex-offenders, individuals with disabilities, and other populations with employment barriers that hinder movement into middle-to high-skilled H-1B healthcare occupations.

The Rural Healthcare Partnership

Employer Partners: South Lyon Medical Center, William Bee Ririe Hospital, Nevada Hospital Association (NHA), Humbolt General Hospital; **Education and Training Providers:** Great Basin College; Truckee Meadows Community College; Western Nevada College; Scott Consulting, LLC; University of Nevada, Reno; **WIOA Entities:** NevadaWorks, Nevada Governor's Workforce Development Board

Geographic Scope: Statewide **Opportunity Zone:** Yes

Service Area: The Nevada counties of Carson, Churchill, Douglas, Elko, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, Lyon, Mineral, Pershing, and White Pine

Proposed Total Participants Served: 100

Target Population: Unemployed, underemployed, incumbent workers, veterans, military spouses, transitioning service members, and individuals with disabilities, unrepresented populations, and other populations with employment barriers

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