Ready to Rise: Connecting individuals with training stimulus opportunities

Whether someone is currently employed or looking for work, this funding is to aid their career advancement for pandemic recovery.

Colorado Springs, Colo., Oct 12, 2021 – The Ready to Rise Colorado Recovery Plan provides funds to help job seekers, already-employed workers or students gain new skills to achieve their career goals. This once-in-a-lifetime, time-limited opportunity can transform the lives and careers of residents in El Paso and Teller counties.

PPWFC received $1.8 million in funding to pay for credentials or certificates that can be completed in 12 months or less.

Anyone whose household has been currently or previously financially affected by COVID-19, since March 2020, may qualify for funding for one of these credentials.

Having an industry-recognized certificate can help an individual find a quality job with livable wages.

Businesses also have been economically affected during the pandemic. Many companies have employees who are doing multiple tasks outside their original job descriptions. These funds can also be used to upskill or reskill such employees – to build new internal pathways for existing employees – with an industry-recognized credential, such as Social Media Certification or Certified ScrumMaster or Adobe Illustrator. There are hundreds of credential options.

“We are thrilled to be able to offer this opportunity to individuals in the Pikes Peak region who have been economically affected by COVID-19,” said Executive Director/CEO Traci Marques, Pikes Peak Workforce Center.

“At the Pikes Peak Workforce Center, we know that a pathway to a quality job often starts with a credential. With funds from the Colorado Recovery Plan, we can offer the opportunity for individuals and employees to grow their skills and talents, helping more people realize their true potential.

“We also know businesses have been hit hard, too. PPWFC wants to get the word out to these companies so they can let their staff know this funding is also available to people who are currently employed. We hope to see hundreds of people take advantage of Ready to Rise.”

Certifications or credentials need to be completed in 12 months or less. They must be industry-recognized credentials.
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TO APPLY FOR FUNDING, VISIT PPWFC.ORG/SHORT-TERM-CERTIFICATIONS

ppwfc.org/short-term-certifications

After you fill out the short, online form, a Pikes Peak Workforce Center Navigator will contact you to determine if you are eligible for this funding.

ABOUT PIKES PEAK WORKFORCE CENTER

The Pikes Peak Workforce Center is an American Job Center – serving El Paso and Teller counties – that connects vital businesses with work-ready job seekers and employer-driven services. We provide no-cost job seeker services, including résumé assistance and interview training.

Clients range from entry-level to professional: We serve youth, adults, people returning to the workforce, and those with barriers to employment. Veterans receive priority service.

In support of regional businesses, we host tailored, no-cost recruitment and hiring events, including candidate sourcing, pre-employment assessments, and searchable candidate profiles. Learn more at PPWFC.org.

ABOUT READY TO RISE


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