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**PPWFC offers \$250,000 in training funds to
strengthen workforce in El Paso & Teller counties**

To address ongoing recruitment and retention challenges, the Workforce Center is offering \$250,000 in funding to help businesses train and upskill their employees.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Jan. 6, 2026 – The Pikes Peak Workforce Center has \$250,000 available in Employee Development Funds to award companies who want to increase the workforce expertise of their current staff.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Funded through the federal Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA), this program supports employee training to build a skilled workforce and prevent layoffs.

During the selection process, preference is given to in-demand industries, such as health care, information technology, manufacturing, hospitality and tourism, cyber security – and to companies whose training leads to expansion of duties for employees.

“This program presents wonderful opportunities for companies in both El Paso and Teller counties,” said Pikes Peak Workforce Center’s Communications & PR Manager Becca Tonn.

“We hope a diverse array of businesses and nonprofits will apply for this funding, which is aimed at enhancing economic sustainability through employee training and skill development.”

Employers have the flexibility to select training programs tailored to their unique business and employee needs.

TRAINING EXAMPLES BY SECTOR

Technical & Industrial Skills

- AC/DC electricity
- Advanced hydraulic
- Advanced programmable logic controllers (PLCs)

- Electrical schematics
- Motors and controls
- Multi-industry systems technician (MIST) programming
- Total productive maintenance (TPM)

Healthcare

- CNA training course

Information Technology & Cybersecurity

- DF01: Mongo DB Developer
- MCA Microsoft 365 Security w/MCE Enterprise Administration

Leadership & Management

- Executive Leadership Training
- Lean manufacturing
- Six Sigma
- Value stream mapping

Innovation and Quality Assurance

- Customized ISO
- Rapid cycle product innovation

HOW TO APPLY INFO SESSIONS

Interested employers must attend a virtual “How to Apply” session. Join us for a quick and informative session to learn how your business can benefit from this funding!

Register to attend at ppwfc.org/funds-for-worker-training

Information Sessions:

- Tuesday, January 13, 2026, from 2-3 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 14, 2026, from 10-11 a.m.
- Thursday, January 15, 2026, from 10-11 a.m.

Timeline

- Application Deadline: January 30, 2026, at 8 p.m.
- Funding Announcement: February 13, 2026
- Training Completion Deadline: May 22, 2026

For more information, visit ppwfc.org/funds-for-worker-training.

FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THIS PROGRAM

*The percentage of the **total** costs of this Dislocated Worker program (the umbrella of Incumbent Worker Training/Employee Development Funds), which will be financed with Federal money, is 100%. The federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) supplied 100% of these funds. The dollar amount of Federal funds for the IWT program is \$250,000. Non-governmental sources supplied zero percent/zero dollars for this IWT program.*

ABOUT PIKES PEAK WORKFORCE CENTER

The Pikes Peak Workforce Center (PPWFC) serves as the American Job Center for El Paso and Teller counties, connecting businesses with skilled talent and providing no-cost services to job seekers, including résumé support, career coaching, and mock interviews. We serve individuals at all career stages, with priority for veterans and tailored support for those overcoming employment barriers.

For employers, PPWFC offers recruitment events, candidate sourcing, and access to a robust talent database. Learn more at ppwfc.org.

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