Background

• Public Act 101-0007 provided for $18.7 million dollars to respond to the increasing need to ensure workforce equity for African Americans in Illinois.

• In fiscal year 2017, the Illinois Community College Underrepresented Report noted that across all minority groups in 2017, minority Career and Technical Education (CTE) program graduates accounted for 34% of completers. Among these, only 12% were African Americans.

• The purpose of this grant is to create, support, or expand short-term workforce (credit and/or noncredit) training opportunities in high-need communities focused on specific sectors with identified workforce gaps.

• African American participants must represent a minimum of 60% of the population proposed to be served through this grant.
City Colleges Approach

• In collaboration with each of our colleges, City Colleges submitted 5 applications for distinct programming available at 5 of our 7 colleges. They included:

  • Kennedy-King College
  • Malcolm X College
  • Olive-Harvey College
  • Richard J. Daley College
  • Wilbur Wright College

• 4 of 5 submissions were awarded, for a total of $5.5 million.
Kennedy-King College - $1.5 million

• Key Short-term Training Programs:
  • Automotive
  • Welding
  • Masonry
  • Cyber-security
  • Cloud security

• Requested Items:
  • Tuition, books, and transportation supports
  • Specialty program supplies and exam costs (for students)
  • Equipment upgrades
  • Instructional costs
  • Program administration
Malcolm X College - $1.5 million

• Key Short-term Training Programs:
  • Cyber-security
  • Community Health Worker
  • Emergency Medical Technician
  • Personal Fitness Trainer
  • Phlebotomy
  • Sterile Processing

• Requested Items:
  • Tuition, books, and transportation supports
  • Specialty program supplies and exam costs (for students)
  • Equipment upgrades
  • Instructional costs
  • Student support technology
  • Program administration
  • Community partner resource
Olive-Harvey College - $1.5 million

• Key Short-term Training Programs:
  • CDL
  • Forklift
  • Automotive/Diesel Mechanic
  • Aviation Technician
  • Cannabis pilot

• Requested Items:
  • Tuition, books, and transportation supports
  • Specialty program supplies and exam costs (for students)
  • Equipment upgrades
  • Instructional costs
  • Student support programs
  • Program administration
  • Community partner resource
Wright College - $1 million

• Key Short-term Training Programs:
  • Cyber-security
  • Networking
  • Web Development
  • CNC Machining
  • Criminal Justice

• Requested Items:
  • Tuition, books, and transportation supports
  • Specialty program supplies and exam costs (for students)
  • Equipment upgrades
  • Instructional costs
  • Childcare support resource
Implementation

- Time period: September 18, 2019 to September 17, 2020
- Funding in process
- Program marketing and launches