

Wisconsin Fast Forward-Blueprint for Prosperity- Training Workers with Disabilities Award Summary

GPA #	Number of Grant Awards	Total Intent to Award Amount	Approximate Number of Trainees Served by Awards
BP142PWD	11	\$622,340	210

Individual Intent to Award Summaries

DWD intends to award a \$97,272 grant to the **Lac du Flambeau Tribe and Lake of the Torches Resort and Casino** in Vilas County for its Working Connections Training Project to recruit, train, support, and hire 30 individuals with disabilities for positions in reception, housekeeping and hospitality. Trainees who successfully complete the program will have opportunities to work as: receptionists at the Tribal Center and medical clinics; cashiers at tribal retail enterprises; and hospitality associates at the hotel and casino. The Tribal Human Resources and Education Departments will participate in the development of training curriculum and will ensure program sustainability through ongoing staff training.

DWD intends to award a \$99,125 grant to the **Milwaukee Center for Independence, Inc. (MCIF)** in Milwaukee County for its Workers with Disabilities Training Program. The initiative will train and employ 50 individuals with disabilities as Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs) upon state certification. Ten of the workers will also receive specialized Community-Based Residential Facility training to work with clients who suffer from mental illness. MCIF is one of five approved CNA training providers in the State of Wisconsin. Grant funds will be used to adapt curriculum and provide instruction.

DWD intends to award a \$38,508 grant to the **Grand Geneva, LLC** in Walworth County to develop the Grand Geneva Culinary Training Course and train 24 individuals with disabilities for entry-level culinary positions. Corporate staff will provide instruction for the two-month course, which will include: hospitality basics, food storeroom best practices, stewarding, and culinary basics.

DWD intends to award a \$53,087 grant to **Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Wisconsin, Inc.** in Milwaukee County for its Heart of the House Housekeeping Program in partnership with the Milwaukee Marriott Downtown to train 24 individuals with disabilities at the hotel. The project

blends Goodwill's life skills curriculum with Marriott's lodging training to build workforce capacity and provide trainees with transferrable skill sets for job growth within the industry.

DWD intends to award a \$57,435 grant to **Opportunity Development Centers, Inc.** in Wood County for its Convenience Store Certificate of Competency project partnership with Weiler Convenience Stores and Mid-State Technical College. Curriculum will be developed to train and certify 12 individuals with disabilities for essential functions within the retail service industry. Instruction will be provided in customer service, inventory management, facility presentation, and cashiering while on the job at three Weiler Convenience Store locations.

DWD intends to award a \$30,460 grant to the **St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care, Inc.** in Milwaukee County to develop curriculum for, recruit and train 10 individuals with disabilities as personal care aides, preschool teachers, administrative assistants, janitors, cleaners, and culinary staff at two facilities. In addition to providing quality jobs in a supportive work environment, the project will build the organization's hiring and training capacity of disabled persons as it plans for a significant expansion in September of 2015 to include 200 new jobs.

DWD intends to award a \$35,188 grant to **Demetrius and Shakkiah Beasley Investment Group LLC**, which is doing business as DSB Transportation Services, in Dane County for its Creating Successful Leaders in Driving program. The applicant will work in partnership with DWD's Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to recruit and train 18 individuals with disabilities for transporting vulnerable patients to medical appointments. Curriculum will be developed to help trainees successfully complete modules in defensive and safe driving, customer service, and the required health and safety trainings for transporting patients.

DWD intends to award a \$51,474 grant to **Vernon County** for its From Orientation to On-Boarding program to recruit, hire, and train six Certified Nursing Assistants and two Dietary Aides with disabilities over two years for employment at Vernon Manor, a county-owned long-term care facility. The training program will modify current orientation and training practices to best serve disabled persons, which includes the addition of a comprehensive mentoring program for training support and ongoing career development.

DWD intends to award a \$100,000 grant to **Top Promotions, Inc.** in Dane County for its Blind Employment Initiative to identify and evaluate existing positions where the use of training curriculum that is supported by adaptive technologies would assist disabled persons with securing employment. Once complete, the company will work in partnership with DWD's Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to recruit, hire, and train 17 individuals with disabilities for sustainable full-time employment.

DWD intends to award a \$43,000 grant to **Easter Seals Southeast Wisconsin, Inc.** in Waukesha County for its Train to Place Program partnership with the GE Healthcare Institute, a Marriott Managed Conference Center. The project will develop a consistent and portable training model to prepare 12 individuals with disabilities for entry-level hospitality positions. A total of four trainees who successfully complete the program will be hired by the GE Healthcare Institute.

DWD intends to award a \$19,791 grant to **North Central Wood Products, Inc.** in Buffalo County for its partnership with **Riverfront, Inc.** to develop training curriculum in life skills, material handling, and janitorial services for the hiring of five workers with disabilities over two years. Trainees who successfully complete the program will receive a \$2 per hour wage increase from \$9 to \$11 per hour.

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Applicant Name	Applicant County	Intent to Award
Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians	Vilas	\$97,272
Milwaukee Center for Independence, Inc.	Milwaukee	\$99,125
Grand Geneva, LLC	Walworth	\$35,508
Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Wisconsin, Inc. (Marriott)	Milwaukee	\$53,087
Opportunity Development Centers, Inc.	Wood	\$57,435
St. Ann Center For Intergenerational Care, Inc.	Milwaukee	\$30,460
Demetrius and Shakkiah Beasley Investment Group LLC d/b/a DSB Transportation Services	Dane	\$35,188
Vernon County	Vernon	\$51,474
Top Promotions, Inc.	Dane	\$100,000
Easter Seals of Southeast Wisconsin, Inc. (Marriott)	Milwaukee	\$43,000
North Central Wood Products, Inc.	Buffalo	\$19,791
TOTAL		\$622,340