

Healthcare Grant FAQ

1. **What is this grant for?**
 - a. Develop a career pathway for entry-level/mid-level jobseekers
 - b. Support the region's high priority for developing and sustaining the Healthcare and Behavioral Health industries.
 - c. Train and employ unemployed/underemployed and incumbent workers, giving them an opportunity to gain upward mobility in their field and sustain quality of life.
2. **How much is the grant funding in total? How much for Greater Lowell?**
 - a. The total award is \$6.4M, in collaboration with MassHire Workforce Boards of North Shore and Merrimack Valley
 - b. Greater Lowell will receive \$1.2M.
 - i. \$700K for Behavioral Health and \$530K for Healthcare.
3. **How long is the grant program?**
 - a. Three years.
4. **Who is eligible to participate? How much is it to sign up?**
 - a. Signing up is free! Unemployed/underemployed and incumbent workers
 - i. Underemployed is defined as someone earning less than 60% of the Median Household Income (Area Median Income) for their Workforce Area
 - ii. Incumbent workers are currently working and pursuing career advancement
5. **What jobs are being trained in Healthcare?**
 - a. Certified Nursing Assistant, Medical Assistant, Emergency Medical Technician
6. **What jobs are being trained in Behavioral Health?**
 - a. Recovery Coach, Therapeutic Mentor, Mental Health Peer Support Specialist, Addiction Counselor.
7. **How do you sign up as a participant?**
 - a. If you are interested in being a participant, please call Nancy Gagnon, 978-805-4734, or visit the Masshire Career Center Lowell at 107 Merrimack Street in downtown Lowell.

8. **How do you sign up as a business or training provider?**
 - a. If you are a business or training provider interested in partnering with MassHire Greater Lowell for years 2 and 3 of the grants, please call Brian Sok, 978-805-4831.
9. **What does the funding pay for?**
 - a. Funding covers recruitment and training costs.
10. **Who are the training providers for Year 1?**
 - a. Middlesex Community College, The Bridge Club, Trinity Care Associates, Trinity Pridestar EMS.
11. **What certifications are participants receiving?**
 - a. Certification depends on what training is needed.
12. **Who pays for training?**
 - a. MassHire Greater Lowell Workforce Board through the grant.
13. **Who are the employer partners for Year 1?**
 - a. International Institute of New England, Lowell Community Health Center, Lowell House, Pridestar Trinity EMS, The Bridge Club, Tufts Medicine (Lowell General Hospital), Trinity Care Associates, and Vinfen Corporation.
14. **Who funds the grant?**
 - a. This project is funded by the Healthcare/Behavioral Health Hub Continuation Grant (Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund FY'21 Appropriation) and funds appropriated through the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021. This grant initiative is administered by Commonwealth Corporation on behalf of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development and the Workforce Skills Cabinet.
15. **Is this information offered in other languages?**
 - a. Yes, through our Career Center Lowell, this information will be offered in Spanish, Khmer, Portuguese, and Haitian-Creole.

About MassHire Greater Lowell Workforce Board:



MassHire is centered in Lowell, MA and serves the communities of Lowell, Dracut, Billerica, Tewksbury, Chelmsford, Dunstable, Tyngsboro, and Westford. Its mission is to provide the public and private sectors with job training and placement into jobs within the Greater Lowell region.