

## **Workforce Incentive Grant PY 2001**

### **Colorado - \$1,138,334**

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#### **Agencies/Organizations Receiving Grant Money:**

Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, Workforce  
Development Programs  
Colorado Department of Education, Community College System

#### **Proposed Activities:**

- Develop a portal that would employ various tools, including on-line: assessment tools, curricula, work portfolios and an interactive “virtual” menu of services for the job seeker, businesses, and the internal workforce center customer.
- Build a professional development site for Colorado’s workforce system providers.

### **Florida - \$3,000,000**

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#### **Agencies/Organizations Receiving Grant Money:**

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Workforce Florida, Inc.  
Florida Department of Education

#### **Proposed Activities:**

- Assist students who have not passed mandatory tests to graduate from high school to complete High School Diplomas and integrate such students into additional workforce education.
- Assist students to graduate whose English-proficiency has been a barrier in successfully completing mandatory high school graduation examinations.
- Develop industry-wide training for new and existing workers in the simulation industry.

**Illinois - \$3,000,000**

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**Agencies/Organizations Receiving Grant Money:**

Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity  
Illinois Community College Board  
Illinois Department of Employment Security

**Proposed Activities:**

- Enhance economic/workforce/education partnership and the delivery of those services through a systemic approach at the regional level.
- Through models, create tested and proven best practices that can be replicated to meet the business and workforce needs in Illinois.

**Kentucky - \$2,074,242**

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**Agencies/Organizations Receiving Grant Money:**

Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet  
Kentucky Workforce Investment Areas  
Council on Postsecondary Education

**Proposed Activities:**

- Support local initiatives in the following areas:
  - Filling skills gaps identified in each local workforce investment area;
  - Developing cluster approaches to workforce and economic development in each area;
  - Additional data collection and analysis;
  - Increasing access to education and training;
  - Providing more effective business services through the one-stop system; and
  - Further local strategic planning initiatives as they relate to the state board's statewide strategic planning effort

**Louisiana - \$3,000,000**

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**Agencies/Organizations Receiving Grant Money:**

Louisiana Workforce Commission  
Louisiana Department of Education and Community and Technical  
College System  
Louisiana Department of Labor

**Proposed Activities:**

- Increase employer awareness and build strategies/partnership activities for government and employers to work together to better prepare the Louisiana workforce.
- Focus on Industry-Based Certifications that are nationally recognized and portable by awareness and in-service activities.
- Develop a Workplace Skills Guide and provide cross-agency orientation to the guide.

**Maryland - \$1,944,845**

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**Agencies/Organizations Receiving Grant Money:**

Maryland State Department of Education  
Maryland Institute for Employment and Training Professionals  
Workforce Services Corporation  
Lower Shore Workforce Alliance

**Proposed Activities:**

- Maryland Incumbent Worker Training Program
- System-Wide Capacity Building
- WEB enabled GED Services: Transformation to an E-Business Environment
- Healthcare Program Framework (2+2+2)
- Virtual One-Stop Service Tracking System

**Montana - \$750,000**

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**Agencies/Organizations Receiving Grant Money:**

Montana Department of Labor & Industry  
Office of Commissioner of Higher Education, Career and  
Technical Education and Workforce Development  
Office of Public Instruction, Adult Education and Family Literacy  
Act Montana Job Training Partnership, Inc.

**Proposed Activities:**

- Build and maintain an infrastructure that will promote the health care industry.
- Develop system measures for WIA partners to be used for evaluation of the workforce system.

**Nebraska - \$750,000**

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**Agencies/Organizations Receiving Grant Money:**

Nebraska Workforce Development/Department of Labor  
Nebraska Adult Education  
Nebraska Department of Education, Career & Technical Education  
Greater Lincoln Workforce Investment Board  
Greater Nebraska Workforce Investment Board  
Greater Omaha Tri County Workforce Investment Board

**Proposed Activities:**

- Provide job specific language skills for English as a Second Language (ESL) learners.
- Create a coordinated career information system.
- Award funds to local areas to address One-Stop Career Center infrastructure needs, such as marketing, equipment and technology needs.

- Provide One-Stop System staff development to promote integration of services.

**North Dakota - \$750,000**

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**Agencies/Organizations Receiving Grant Money:**

Job Service North Dakota  
North Dakota Department of Public Instruction  
State Board for Vocational and Technical Education  
North Dakota Department of Commerce

**Proposed Activities:**

- Address skills gaps and develop customized service approaches for target populations.
- Develop new approaches for serving youth.
- Develop an employer awareness and education initiative focused on development of career ladder opportunity for target populations
- Prepare for the implementation of new Common Measures.

**Oklahoma - \$1,382,134**

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**Agencies/Organizations Receiving Grant Money:**

Oklahoma Employment Security Commission (OESC)  
Oklahoma Department of Career and Technical Education  
Oklahoma State Department of Education

**Proposed Activities:**

- Provide coordinated services to clients with learning disabilities.
- Increase employment opportunities through youth mentoring.
- Develop comprehensive and coordinated business services capacity.

**South Carolina - \$1,866,263**

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**Agencies/Organizations Receiving Grant Money:**

South Carolina Employment Security Commission  
South Carolina Department of Education  
South Carolina State Workforce Investment Board

**Proposed Activities:**

- Establish partnerships to deliver seamless services with a student/client focus.
- Develop successful learning programs that engage former drop outs, at-risk youth, and disadvantaged adults in academic, technical and employability skills gains.
- Integrate career guidance components into mainstream secondary, adult, and at-risk education programs as well as One Stop Centers.

**South Dakota - \$750,000**

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**Agencies/Organizations Receiving Grant Money:**

South Dakota Department of Labor  
South Dakota Workforce Development Council (SDWDC)  
South Dakota Department of Education

**Proposed Activities:**

- Workforce Management System and Participant Service Enhancement Project—includes staff development and upgrade s to the statewide common assessment program and the Web site
- Adult Education Technology for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Project- includes basic computer and technology training and establishing reading specialists to help teachers work with low-level reading adults
- Enhancing Career and Technical Education Project- includes development of a web-based accountability system for Perkins III

**Tennessee - \$2,604,604**

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**Agencies/Organizations Receiving Grant Money:**

Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development  
Governor's Jobs Cabinet  
Tennessee Department of Education, Vocational and Technical  
Education Programs

**Proposed Activities:**

- Strengthen the partnership between Workforce Development and Economic and Community Development through the development of the "Ambassador's Team which will be made up of representatives from each of the Economic and Workforce Development Organizations.
- Provide training and staff development, including State and Local Workforce Investment Board member training for orientation and strategic planning.
- Enhance services for customers to include: Incumbent Worker Training Program and Youth Computer Camp.
- Enhance systems management for data capture system for multiple agencies.
- Adult Education – Workforce Computer Literacy.
- Vocational Technical Education system performance improvement by upgrading academic knowledge and skills of secondary and post-secondary vocational-technical education teachers.
- Improve data quality and reports as they relate to Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 and the Workforce Investment Act of 1998.

**Texas- \$3,000,000**

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**Agencies/Organizations Receiving Grant Money:**

Texas Workforce Commission  
Texas Education Agency (TEA)

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

**Proposed Activities:**

- Provide certification training to teachers to qualify them to teach Career Orientation Programs in middle and high schools.
- Institute activities, workshops, model programs, and scholarships to encourage students 9-12 grades to enroll in post-secondary education.
- Work to improve State Performance Levels.
- Conduct state consultation with stakeholder groups and general public.

**Washington - \$3,000,000**

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**Agencies/Organizations Receiving Grant Money:**

Washington Employment Security Department  
Washington Local Workforce Development Areas who have exceeded performance targets

**Proposed Activities:**

- Develop partnership at local workforce development areas between Community and Technical College Presidents, Common School superintendents and the local Workforce Development Council.
- Develop a systemic effort to promote health care occupations.
- Blend adult basic skills education with occupational skills training.
- Improve labor market outcomes for target population.
- Improve career counseling and information on job openings.

**Wyoming - \$750,000**

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**Agencies/Organizations Receiving Grant Money:**

Wyoming Department of Workforce Services  
Wyoming Department of Education

**Proposed Activities:**

- Improve performance and outcomes for program areas.

- Improve outreach activities statewide.
- Improve Adult Education services by developing a better intake methodology that will help identify participants' needs in order to increase retention and educational gains.