



Q and A

Cook County COVID-19 Recovery Job Training and Placement Program

What is the purpose of the program?

The Cook County COVID-19 Recovery Job Training and Placement Program will provide training, placement, and lay-off aversion services for suburban Cook County jobseekers and employers impacted by COVID-19. The funding will support training, placement, and career coaching for job seekers and provide additional resources for employers and training providers serving or located in suburban Cook County.

What is the funding amount of the program?

Funded by the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the program provides \$4 million to the Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership to subgrant funds to seven workforce agencies located in or serving suburban Cook County residents and employers.

What services does the funding support?

- Comprehensive career services such as job search, coaching, interview preparation and job placement
- On-the-job training for new employees and/or training to retain current employees to avoid layoffs
- A pilot program specifically aimed at the manufacturing sector to avert layoffs and where appropriate assist with succession planning
- Additional staffing capacity necessary to meet the needs of the increased number of residents affected by COVID-19

Paid virtual work-based learning opportunities for young adults impacted by COVID-19

Are there eligibility requirements for this program?

Yes. All residents must live in Suburban Cook County to participate in the Cook County COVID-19 Recovery Job Training and Placement program. The Partnership offers services to all residents of Cook County at more than 50 locations throughout the Chicagoland region. We encourage all job seekers to find out more about our programs and free services.

How do residents learn more about these services?



- Call one of the five American Job Centers in suburban Cook County, toll free, at 1-800-720-2515 and choose “suburban Cook County” from the menu.
- Visit The Partnership website at ChiCookWorks.org/CountyCARES

Which workforce development agencies are receiving these funds in or serving suburban Cook County?

The Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership will use Cook County COVID-19 Recovery Job Training and Placement funds to build capacity with these agencies:

- [North Suburban Cook County American Job Center](#) (Arlington Heights, IL)
- [West Suburban Cook County American Job Center](#) (Maywood, IL)
- [Southwest Suburban Cook County American Job Center](#) (North Riverside, IL)
- [South Suburban Cook County American Job Center at Prairie State College](#) (Chicago Heights, IL)
- [South Suburban Cook County American Job Center](#) (Harvey, IL)
- [Manufacturing Renaissance](#) (Chicago, IL, serving suburban Cook County)
- [Proviso Leyden Council for Community Action](#) (Maywood, IL)

Who is the Cook County Workforce Partnership (The Partnership)?

The Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership (The Partnership) is a non-profit umbrella organization operating the public workforce system for the City of Chicago and Cook County. The Partnership combines federal and philanthropic resources to provide comprehensive workforce development services to employers and job seekers. As the largest workforce development system in the nation, The Partnership has helped place more than 70,000 individuals in employment, collaborated with more than 2,000 employers, and administered more than \$400 million in federal and philanthropic funds. The Partnership’s network of 50+ community-based organizations, ten American Job Centers, and four sector-driven workforce centers serves more than 140,000 people annually. Learn more at www.chicookworks.org.