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Indiana Higher Education Commission Awards \$5 Million to Approved Intermediaries

The grant will increase capacity to connect students and schools with Indiana employers

(INDIANAPOLIS) – The <u>Indiana Commission for Higher Education</u> has awarded \$5 million to 25 approved intermediaries to increase their capacity to strengthen connections between students and schools with employers and postsecondary institutions.

The <u>Intermediary Capacity Building grant</u> was created in 2023 by the Indiana General Assembly to advance the priority areas within House Enrolled Act 1002-2023.

"Intermediaries are foundational to achieve the goals outlined in House Enrolled Act 1002-2023," said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery. "The recipients of the Intermediary Capacity Building grant will ensure Hoosier students are aware of and prepared for high-quality careers and educational pathways beyond high school."

The selected recipients must use the one-time grant funds to expand access to one or more of the following programs created by <u>House Enrolled Act 1002-2023</u> (HEA 1002-2023):

- Career Scholarship Accounts,
- Career Discovery Meetings,
- Career Coaching and Navigation

Intermediary Capacity Building Grant Recipients

- Adams Wells Manufacturing Alliance
- Aspire Johnson County
- Center of Workforce Innovations
- Christel House International
- Eastern Indiana Works
- EmployIndy
- Greater Muncie Chamber of Commerce
- Hamilton County Economic Development Corporation
- Hendricks College Network
- Horizon Education Alliance
- Indiana Careers in Construction Association
- Indiana Construction Roundtable Foundation
- J. Kruse Education Center

- Junior Achievement of Central Indiana
- Junior Achievement of Northern Indiana
- Project Leadership
- Region 8 Education Service Center of Northeast Indiana
- Regional Opportunity Initiative
- Shepherd Community Center
- Skyepack
- South Bend Regional Chamber of Commerce
- South Central Region 8 Workforce Board
- Southeast Indiana Workforce Investment Board
- Southern Indiana Education Center
- Southern Indiana Works

The grant period will run from December 1, 2023, to June 30, 2025.

More information about the Intermediary Capacity Building grant can be found here.

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About the Indiana Commission for Higher Education

Created in 1971, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education plans, coordinates, and defines Indiana's postsecondary education system to align higher learning with the needs of students and the state. The Commission also administers Indiana's financial aid programs, including the 21st Century Scholars early college promise scholarship, which celebrated 30 years in 2020.