



DCEO PROGRAM YEAR 2024 SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING GRANT

GRANT PERIOD: August 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

PROJECT OUTCOMES: Paid internships: 2 high school students, 3 opportunity youth, 2 community workers

GRANT AWARD: \$171,865

STRATEGIC IMPERATIVE SUPPORTED: **Create a culture of equitable prosperity.**

The State of Illinois Fiscal Year 2025 budget includes General Revenue Funds for the Local Workforce Innovation Areas (LWIAs) to support workforce services provided in coordination with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Workforce Development has been awarded \$171,865 to enhance career pathways for youth, expand work-based learning for uninvested areas, and continue to work with community agencies in serving immigrants and refugees.

Workforce Development will use the grant funds to pay the wages of 7 participants enrolled in a work-based learning/on-the-job training program. Participants will earn a wage while gaining critical skills, including leadership development, project management, and teamwork. Community workers and youth ambassadors will play a pivotal role in increasing outreach and engagement, ensuring awareness of services and programs, and improving access to available resources. Grant funds will also be used to assist in addressing systemic barriers such as transportation, childcare, housing instability, and mental health.