
**SUBJECT: LAKE COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT US DOL WIOA
RAPID RESPONSE LAYOFF AVERSION GRANT
GRANT PERIOD: 6/1/2020 – 6/30/2021
FUNDING INCREASE: \$123,942.26**

Summary: The purpose of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), Public Law 113-128, is to strengthen the workforce development system through innovation in and alignment and improvement of employment, training, and education programs and promote economic growth. Workforce Development Department is the grant recipient of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) formula funds and special program funds.

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Office of Employment and Training made available \$5 Million in Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Rapid Response Funds to assist Illinois essential businesses impacted by COVID-19 to mitigate layoffs and adhere to CDC guidelines. DCEO received more than 300 applications requesting more than \$7 million.

The Lake County Workforce Development Department received inquiries from over 60 businesses and submitted 15 applications to DCEO. Workforce Development received funding commitment for five Lake County essential employers.

Below is the list of employers DCEO committed grant funds and granted the Small Business Layoff Aversion Grant to Workforce Development.

Employer Name	Employer City	Industry	Number of Employees	Number of Jobs Saved	Layoff Aversion	Amount Committed
NOSCO	Gurnee Village	Manufacturing	527	524	Supply Chain Issues	\$44,532.26
Sunset Food Mart	Highland Park	Food and Beverage Stores	650	650	Supply Chain Issues	\$35,903.00
Collision Solution	Zion	Automotive	5	5	Declining Sales	\$6,607.00
Jstone dba Endoplus	Mundelein	Medical Manufacturing	16	16	Declining Sales	\$23,000.00
PADS Lake County	Waukegan	Non-Profit	30	1	Other	\$13,900.00