



# Lake County Illinois

## Legislation Text

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Joint resolution accepting the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Rapid Response grant to pilot an Industry Sector Recruitment Specialist Program, and authorizing an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$171,849.60.

- Workforce Development is piloting a new strategy to increase the number of dislocated workers connected to high demand jobs in key industry sectors including healthcare, manufacturing, Information Technology and transportation/distribution/logistics.
- The pilot program will contract with four dislocated workers that have worked in one of these industry sectors and have a demonstrated orientation to the industry's needs and demands as related to workforce.
- The goal of this pilot program is to create streamlined services resulting in greater participation from dislocated workers and delivering a more effective connection to hiring employers. There were 160 additional dislocated workers served through the Job Center and 60 employer connections.
- The grant period is June 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

### RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, The Illinois DECEO has provided a Rapid Response grant totaling \$171,849.60 to the Workforce Development Department; and

**WHEREAS**, this grant is to pilot an Industry Sector Recruitment Program for the program period of June 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant allows for four contract workers to serve both dislocated workers and employers; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency appropriation of \$171,849.60 is requested to allocate these funds into the Workforce Department's fiscal year 2017 budget and authorize acceptance of this grant.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, that an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$171,849.60 for the Workforce Development Department is hereby approved and that the WIOA Rapid Response grant be accepted.

**DATED** at Waukegan, Illinois, on May 9, 2017.