

2024 Industry Partnership Grant Awardees

Industry Partnerships are regional partnerships of business leaders within one industry, who work together with public partners from economic development, workforce development, education and training, and other community organizations, to address the shared workforce and broader competitive needs of their industry.

APPLICANT	AWARD
AgConnect	\$250,000
Healthcare Connect	\$250,000
Innovation Technology Action Group (ITAG)	\$389,250
JARI All Industry Partnership	\$200,000
Keystone Healthcare Collaborative	\$250,000
Manufacturing Alliance of Chester & Delaware Counties	\$250,000
North Central Manufacturing	\$250,000
Nurse Aide Training Hub	\$399,405
PA Banking Career and Workforce Development Industry Partnership	\$250,000
PA Steel Alliance	\$350,000
Philadelphia Citywide Talent Coalition – Education Industry Partnership	\$250,000
PHL Tech Partnership	\$250,000
P4W Tech Industry Partnership	\$250,000
Southeastern PA Manufacturing Alliance (SEPMA)	\$250,000
South Central IT	\$250,000
South Central Manufacturing	\$400,000
West-Fay Healthcare	\$238,136
West-Fay Manufacturing	\$242,180
TOTAL	

SOUTHEAST REGION

AgConnect (Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton, Philadelphia-\$250,000)

The Ag Connect partnership will provide technical assistance including training and supportive services, implement Teacher in the Workplace programming, and develop youth pipeline initiatives through agriculture career awareness activities.

Healthcare Connect (Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Philadelphia-\$250,000)

The Health Care Connect partnership will address key healthcare industry challenges, including worker burnout and psychological needs, professional development and leadership programming, pipeline development and community impacts, and career barrier removal.

Innovation Technology Action Group (ITAG) (Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Philadelphia-\$389,250)

The Innovation Technology Action Group will focus on employer outreach and engagement, tech education events, incumbent worker training, and youth career exploration activities. Additional priorities include investigating non-traditional talent acquisition methods and providing targeted support for newly formed companies.

Keystone Healthcare Collaborative (Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Philadelphia-\$250,000)

The Keystone Healthcare Collaborative will establish the new Keystone Healthcare Collaborative and provide training programs for jobseekers pursuing certification as Nursing Assistants and Medical Assistants.

Manufacturing Alliance of Chester and Delaware Counties (Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lancaster, Montgomery, York-\$250,000)

The Manufacturing Alliance of Chester and Delaware Counties will focus on growing participating companies' workforce and business capabilities, implementing AI in manufacturing strategy, expanding youth and parent career awareness, strengthening collaboration with Women in Manufacturing, and providing ongoing industry worker training.

Philadelphia Citywide Talent Coalition – Education Industry Partnership (Philadelphia-\$250,000)

The Philadelphia Citywide Talent Coalition – Education Industry Partnership will convene the Philadelphia Citywide Talent Coalition focused on education, enhance the TeachPHL platform's functionality for prospective and current educators, and expand the TeachPHL Outreach campaign.

PHL Tech Partnership (Philadelphia-\$250,000)

The PHL Tech Partnership will prioritize technology as an essential skill across Philadelphia's growth industries, establish clear entry-level position pathways through trusted training partnerships, and assess employer needs to inform effective industry training.

Southeastern PA Manufacturing Alliance (SEPMA) (Bucks, Montgomery, Philadelphia-\$250,000)

The Southeastern Pennsylvania Manufacturing Alliance will help employers attract and retain a diverse workforce, provide planning workshops for future business growth, and implement marketing and branding strategies to increase industry awareness.

SOUTHWEST REGION

JARI All Industry Partnership (Cambria, Somerset-\$200,000)

The JARI All Industry Partnership will implement incumbent worker training programs, host an employer social services resource fair and manage the Bridges to Success Partnership. Activities include organizing a health and safety conference, youth conference, and annual job fair. In addition, the partnership will provide co-op stipends for high school students, coordinate industry tours for students and educators, and expand the Industrial Manufacturing Technician Pre-Apprenticeship program.

Nurse Aide Training Hub (Allegheny, Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fayette, Fulton, Huntingdon, Somerset, Westmoreland-\$399,405)

The Nurse Aide Training Hub will create a self-sustaining program by aligning regional resources, connecting employers with nurse aide training providers and community support services. The initiative focuses on removing barriers and linking community members interested in healthcare careers with training, support, and employment opportunities.

PA Steel Alliance (Indiana, Lawrence, Mercer, Venango, Washington, Westmoreland-\$350,000)

The Pennsylvania Steel Alliance's critical initiatives include expansion in the Commonwealth, developing pre-apprenticeship and youth career experiential programs, identifying steel industry workforce needs, addressing training and economic development requirements, and exploring emerging technologies.

P4W Tech Industry Partnership (Allegheny-\$250,000)

The P4W Tech Industry Partnership aims to strengthen and diversify the talent pipeline, promote diversity, equity, and inclusion, and support the development, implementation, and expansion of apprenticeships throughout Allegheny County.

West-Fay Healthcare (Fayette, Westmoreland-\$238,136)

This Westmoreland Fayette Healthcare Industry Partnership will conduct industry convenings featuring workshops and guest speakers, provide employer/employee training, promote healthcare careers, and facilitate regional collaboration for sharing best practices.

West-Fay Manufacturing (Fayette, Westmoreland-\$242,180)

This Westmoreland Fayette Manufacturing Industry Partnership will organize industry convenings featuring workshops and guest speakers, provide employer/employee training, promote manufacturing careers, and facilitate regional collaboration for sharing best practices.

CENTRAL REGION

North Central PA Manufacturing (Cameron, Clearfield, Elk, Jefferson, McKean, Potter-\$250,000)

The North Central PA Manufacturing Industry Partnership prioritized addressing industry recruitment and retention, regional population decline, educational connections, career awareness, and expanding career opportunities through internships and training programs.

South Central IT (Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry, York-\$250,000)

The South-Central Information Technology Industry Partnership will address the industry's skilled worker shortage through talent education alignment and workforce training, expand the partnership network, enhance the TechConnect.jobs website, and foster a thriving entrepreneurial ecosystem in South Central PA.

South Central Manufacturing (Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry, York-\$400,000)

The South-Central Manufacturing Industry Partnership focuses on three core goals: promoting manufacturing careers, enhancing training for middle-skill technical occupations in manufacturing, and facilitating connections among South Central PA manufacturers to share best practices and foster mutual learning.

STATEWIDE

PA Banking Career and Workforce Development (Statewide-\$250,000)

The PA Banking Career and Workforce Development Industry Partnership will pursue three primary goals: expanding the banking workforce talent pipeline, developing new talent through workforce training, and upskilling incumbent employees.