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Grant Will Spur Innovation and Support Job Training in Southeast Ohio

COLUMBUS, OHIO –The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) and the Governor’s Office of Workforce Transformation (OWT) have awarded up to \$243,000 dollars to Appalachian Ohio Health Professions Pathways to help unemployed and underemployed Ohioans find work in the health care industry.

The grant is one of six Industry Workforce Alliance Pilot Initiative grants designed to fund regional training programs that better align state education and training programs with the needs of businesses. A total of six grants have been awarded around the state. Each training program will likely incorporate classroom instruction, on-the-job training, internships and co-ops. The program is funded with \$729,000 in incentive funding from the U.S. Department of Labor and matching funds from the Governor’s Office of Health Transformation Innovation Fund.

Ohio was one of only 15 states to receive the federal incentive dollars, which are awarded to states based on the performance of their adult education and job training programs.

“Each of these applicants demonstrated a commitment to innovative and targeted strategies to improve Ohio’s workforce system,” said OWT Director Dawn Larzelere. “The programs will encourage regional economic development strategies and effectively address the needs of key industries by fostering partnerships among local employers, educators and government entities.”

Each of the following grant recipients will receive up to \$243,000 to help unemployed and underemployed Ohioans find work in local growth industries:

<u>Northeast:</u>	Mahoning Valley Manufacturing Coalition Manufacturing
<u>Northwest:</u>	Allen County Economic Development Group Manufacturing
<u>West:</u>	Montgomery County Department of Community & Economic Development Logistics
<u>Southwest:</u>	Partners for a Competitive Workforce Logistics
<u>Central:</u>	Insurance Industry Resource Council Insurance
<u>Southeast:</u>	Appalachian Ohio Health Professions Pathways Health care

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