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Workforce Southwest Washington awarding grants to companies for employee training and interns

Vancouver, Wash. (July 13, 2021) – Workforce Southwest Washington (WSW) is seeking companies in Clark, Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties to apply for its financial grants for employee training and paid internships.

To help companies grow and recover from the economic downturn, WSW is offering financial support for:

- On-the-Job Training to help companies retain and improve the skills of their existing employees.
 Grants will be awarded to 10 companies in the amount of up to \$10,000 per company. Go to bit.ly/otjgrants to learn more about on-the-job training.
- <u>Internships</u> to assist companies in finding new talent and support them as they grow. Funding
 will be provided for 15 paid internships. Learn more about hosting an intern at
 bit.ly/interngrants.

Interested companies should apply by July 31 as funds are limited and grants will be awarded until funds are expended. Businesses wanting assistance to determine their training needs should reach out to WSW's business services team.

From workforce training to recruitment and retention, WSW has services and resource for every stage of the manufacturing, healthcare, construction or technology business.

WSW invests more than \$10 million annually to sustain and grow businesses and train and educate adult job seekers and youth in Southwest Washington.

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Workforce Southwest Washington (WSW), a nonprofit organization, funds community prosperity by investing in services that help individuals gain skills to obtain good-paying jobs or advance in their careers and that help companies recruit, train and retain workers. Since 2003, we've invested more than \$100 million to strengthen Southwest Washington businesses. WSW is the Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB) designated by federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) legislation to oversee the public workforce system in Cowlitz, Wahkiakum and Clark counties. Learn more at www.workforcesw.org.

Workforce Southwest Washington is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Washington Relay 711.

Serving businesses, job seekers and youth in Clark, Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties.