What is the RochesterWorks! Training Grant?

- Up to $5,000 to cover the cost of tuition and fees in approved courses leading to demand occupations.
  - Due to limited funds, required books, supplies, uniforms, that are separate from tuition costs will not be covered unless those are the only costs for which WIOA funds are requested. Exam/licensing fees may be reimbursed if they fall within the maximum ITA amount.
  - In most cases, this is a one-time only grant.

Who Qualifies for Our Grant?

- **Dislocated Workers**
  - Individuals who live or have worked in Monroe County.
  - Is generally someone who has been terminated or laid off, is eligible for Unemployment Insurance, and has been determined to be unlikely to return to a previous industry or occupation.

- **Adults**
  - Monroe County residents 18 years of age or older:
    - Individuals who are not working would need to provide household income information for the previous 6 months, and would need to fall under Monroe County’s Lower Living or Poverty Guidelines.
    - Individuals who are employed, are earning $15/hr or less, and can show that the training they receive will result in increased earning potential.
    - Individuals who receive Public Assistance, such as SNAP, TANF, etc.

Type of Training that Can Be Funded

- RochesterWorks! can fund a variety of training and educational programs, ranging from short-term programs to longer-term degree programs.
- Training should lead to an “in-demand” occupation and must be vocationally oriented training programs or classes.
- Full-time, career-oriented degree programs that can be completed in two years or less.
- Bachelor’s degree programs will only be considered for Dislocated Workers and only for the last 2 years.
- Schools and training programs must be on the NYS Eligible Training Provider List, be located in the nine county Finger Lakes region, and meet other local requirements.
- If associate degree or multi-semester certificate programs are offered at more than one institution, only the lowest cost provider will be approved.
  - In most cases this will be a local community college. If you are already attending a program at a private institution, we may be able to fund the last year of training only under certain circumstances.

Types of Training That Cannot be Funded

- Programs that require more than two years to complete.
- Prerequisite courses.
- Non-Vocational Programs, i.e. Liberal Arts.
- Training in an occupation requiring a high school diploma or equivalency, if you lack one.
- Distance Learning courses must adhere to our local distance learning policy.
- **Courses cannot be funded retroactively**

Steps to Take to Apply for the RochesterWorks! Training Grant

3. Call 585-258-3500 and select option 2 to schedule an appointment.