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State Partners with INvestEd to Help Unemployed Hoosiers Access Tuition-Free Training in High-Demand Fields

INvestEd offering free guidance to Hoosiers on completing Workforce Ready Grant

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INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – This week, the [Governor's Workforce Cabinet](#) launched a statewide awareness campaign with [INvestEd](#), an Indiana nonprofit, to help Hoosier workers impacted by COVID-19 access tuition-free career training grants. Governor Holcomb's Next Level Jobs [Workforce Ready Grant](#) is designed to remove financial barriers that may prevent Hoosiers from getting the training they need for a job in one of Indiana's most in-demand fields.

Since March, over 500,000 Hoosiers have filed for unemployment, many of whom have been laid off or furloughed due to COVID-19. To support these workers, the state is reaching out to recently unemployed Hoosiers and encouraging them to contact INvestEd for guidance on completing the grant application.

"It is vital that Hoosiers understand there are affordable education and training options available right now," said Teresa Lubbers, chair of the Governor's Workforce Cabinet and Indiana's Commissioner for Higher Education. "The Workforce Ready Grant is designed to keep cost from being a barrier for people seeking new career and training opportunities, and the state is fortunate to have this partnership with INvestEd to help Hoosiers navigate the grant application."

"We've been providing financial aid literacy guidance to Hoosiers for over 35 years, but COVID-19 has hit workers and students in ways we've never seen," said Joe Wood, President of INvestEd. "Hoosiers should know that the state has their back and we're thrilled to be partnering with them to provide free, one-on-one guidance about the Workforce Ready Grant and how it can launch Hoosiers into exciting new careers."

The Workforce Ready Grant covers tuition and fees for qualifying high-value certificates in any one of the following, high-demand fields in Indiana: Advanced Manufacturing, Building & Construction, Health & Life Sciences, IT & Business Services, and Transportation & Logistics. To qualify, applicants must:

- Be an Indiana resident and a U.S. citizen (or be an [eligible resident](#))
- Have a high school diploma (or equivalent)
- Have less than a college degree
- Enroll in any [qualifying training program](#) at an eligible training provider

To learn more about the Workforce Ready Grant and the free counsel that INvestEd is offering Hoosiers, visit <https://www.investedindiana.org/workforce-ready-grant/>. To speak with an INvestEd expert about completing the grant application, call INvestEd at **(317) 715-9007**.

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About the Governor's Workforce Cabinet

The Governor's Workforce Cabinet (GWC) was formed in 2018 with the mission of addressing current and future education and employment needs for individuals and employers, strengthening Indiana's economy by integrating and aligning state and federal resources, and ensuring a talent-driven education and workforce system. The membership of the GWC includes the business community, K-12 representatives, postsecondary institutions, Indiana lawmakers, and leaders from Indiana state agencies.

About INvestEd

INvestEd is Indiana's only state-based, nonprofit financial aid literacy and student loan organization, one of 22 across the country. INvestEd provides literacy programs that help Hoosier families understand college costs and how to fund college with the least debt. INvestEd also offers responsible lending and re-financing options to Hoosiers. To learn more about us or to receive a free online toolkit to help plan for college costs, go to www.investedindiana.org.

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