

DESCRIPTION

Educational Attainment & Work Readiness Program 80 Participants - \$269K

The idea is to pair Educational Attainment and Work Readiness based on Greater New Bedford's low level of high school graduates and generally low level of educational attainment and the #1 employer requirement of a job-ready employee.

With the following plan, approximately 80 individuals are anticipated to receive both education and job readiness instruction. With these fundamentals, participating learners are expected to possess the basic skills needed to secure and maintain a job, highlighting our efforts to balance the critical need for basic education versus the mandated outcome of employment.

Educational Attainment – \$200,000.00

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), and pre-General Equivalency Development (pre-GED), and General Equivalency Development (GED)

- Through funding, approximately 80 students will receive basic education instruction.
- Requests for Proposals (RFP) totaling \$200k (\$50k per class) will be announced for vendors to provide services for 4 classes, each open to 20 students over 38 weeks, at 20 hours per week.
- The GED class will provide instruction for individuals testing at a 7th grade level and higher.
- The pre-GED class will serve intermediate level learners not yet at the GED level.
- 2 ESOL classes will serve English language learners with Intermediate-Advanced level comprehension.

Work Readiness - \$69,000.00

Work Certified™ & Low Level Learner Work Readiness

- Utilize WIB's Work Certified™ license to provide work readiness skills training classes (for individuals testing at a 7th grade level and higher) to learners enrolled in the previously mentioned GED class. The GED class will be divided into 2 Work Certified™ classes of between 10-12 learners per class over approximately 36 weeks, at 2.5 hours per week. Costs per class would be \$12,000.00.
- 3 Low Level Learner Work Readiness classes will provide instruction to participant learners in both the 2 ESOL classes and the pre-GED class. Instruction will be based on a model of nationally-credentialed low level work readiness instruction called FloridaWorks that has proven to be effective. These FloridaWorks-modeled classes will be up to 20 learners per class over approximately 36 weeks, at 2.5 hours per week at a cost of \$15,000 per class.