

GRANT ABSTRACT

Pathways Home 4 Grant: Wisconsin Pathways Home 4 Expansion (WPH4X)

Project Purpose: Improving public safety for communities and the economic outcomes of transitioning individuals is essential to reducing the financial and human costs associated with incarceration. Access to good, stable employment reduces the risk of recidivism. Criminogenic risk factors include anti-social attitudes and cognitions, anti-social associates and peers, anti-social behavior, family stressors, substance use, lack of employment stability, lack of educational achievement, and lack of positive social activities. Re-entry projects, such as WPH4X, will improve employment opportunities for individuals through robust career planning, skills development, leveraged resources, and supportive services. The ultimate vision of the WPH4X program is to elevate individual potential to such an extent that it supersedes all stigmas. For institutions with reliable internet access, program staff will leverage the use of virtual technology, and email communications, to provide prerelease services and training. For institutions without reliable internet access, traditional mail can be utilized to provide resume preparation, job readiness materials, assigned homework, support service referrals, and other pre-release services, as applicable. For institutions without reliable internet access, pre-recorded training, and orientation.

Lead Applicant / Organization Name: North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board

Lead Applicant Entity Type: Workforce Development System Entity

Lead Applicant City & State: Wausau, Wisconsin

Funding Source: State of Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development-Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards

Funding Amount Requested: \$350,000

WDBSCW Award Amount: \$350,000

Grant Period: July 1, 2024 - December 31, 2026

Applicants Geographic Scope of Proposed Project: Workforce Development Areas – Fox Valley (WDA 4), North Central (WDA 6), Northwest (WDA 7), West Central (WDA 8), Western (WDA 9), South Central (WDA 10), and Southwest (WDA 11)

Number Enrolled During the Life of the Grant: 800

Population(s) to be Served: Individuals must be 18 years or older; convicted of an offense; currently incarcerated in a state or local institution; have a release date scheduled between 20-270 days at enrollment; returning to one of the 54 targeted counties; and will be eligible to work in the United States. Veterans will receive priority of services considerations, keeping in line with state/local WIOA veteran priority policies.

Required Partners: (Organization Name and Entity Type):

- **State of Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC)**

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Optional Partners: (Organization Name and Entity Type)

- Community Action Program agencies
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- FoodShare Employment and Training (FSET) Program Operators
- Forward Service Corporation
- Industry Sector Groups, Employers
- State of Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Windows to Work Program
- Wisconsin Senior Employment Programs (WISE)
- Wisconsin Works (W-2) Program Operators

WDBSCW Activities: Pre-release service assessments and individualized development plans, job preparation and career exploration and planning, comprehensive case management, counseling, supportive services

Partner Activities: Job Center program services, supportive services, and post release skill building services with a focus on apprenticeship and occupational training

List of Credential(s) to be Awarded: (Possible)

- Machine Operator Training
- Welding
- Certified Peer Support Specialist
- Others as grant proceeds and are identified

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