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CB Chamber Receives Iowa West Foundation Grant

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA – The Council Bluffs Area Chamber of Commerce has received a \$130,000 grant from the Iowa West Foundation to support current and new workforce development programs.

“We are so thankful for the strong and continued support from the Iowa West Foundation, said Drew Kamp, President & CEO of the Council Bluffs Area Chamber of Commerce. They have been the primary benefactor for the development and implementation of our Workforce Development Program, and we would not be able to achieve the amazing things we have without their support. We are very fortunate to have the Iowa West Foundation in our community and we look forward to continuing to work with them to address the workforce challenges our members and community continue to face.”

The [CB Chamber](#) worked in partnership with [Pottawattamie County Community Foundation](#) to obtain the workforce development grant from Iowa West Foundation. The grant is the second workforce development grant received from [Iowa West Foundation](#). The funds will go towards continuing to produce and develop programs to address the following local workforce challenges.

- Reduce aggerated turnover for local businesses
- Increase the percentage of our labor pool
- Create upskilling opportunities for local residents
- Help increase the number of full funded apprenticeships

“Helping communities achieve their dreams includes identifying and addressing workforce opportunities and challenges,” said Brenda Mainwaring, President and CEO of the Iowa West Foundation. “This grant to the Chamber will allow their team to offer various employer resources, tiers of professional development options, and additional wrap-around services to aid residents in their careers. It’s really an investment in the future of Council Bluffs.”

In 2022, the CB Chamber's workforce programs will include: CB Career Acceleration, UNbelievable Workplaces, GrowCB, New & Emerging Leaders Professional Development Workshops, Next Level Leadership Professional Development Workshops, and DE&I in the Workplace Workshops.

For more information about these programs and other offerings, please visit www.CouncilBluffsIowa.com and visit the workforce or programs tabs.

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