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TRENTON – The New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development (NJDOL) announced that more than \$3 million will be distributed among 12 organizations to foster apprenticeship opportunities that will see the hiring of 1,264 new apprentices. All of these apprentices will be making \$15/hour or more.

The funds were made available through the NJDOL’s Growing Apprenticeship in Non-Traditional Sectors (GAINS) grant, with partial assistance from federal funding. The mission of the GAINS grant program is to promote the creation and expansion of USDOL-approved Registered Apprenticeship programs that drive economic development through skills and educational attainment, and establish pathways to better-paying careers and advanced credentials, including college.

The NJDOL estimates that there will be 1996 apprentices and 137 employer partners supported by FY19 and FY20 GAINS grant funded programs.

“Through the GAINS grant program, we are developing apprenticeship programs in a wide variety of in-demand fields, as evidenced by this diverse group of grantees,” said NJDOL Commissioner Robert Asaro-Angelo. “By continually expanding this pipeline for talent development, we’re giving more job-seekers the opportunity to earn while they learn, and we’re providing businesses with the skilled workers they need to thrive in this state.”

The full list of grant recipients is as follows:

Organization Name	Occupation	Award Amount
American Training Center	Medical Assistant	\$219,352
Associated Fire Protection, Inc.	Special Hazards/Fire Suppression	\$159,999
Bergen Community College	Pharmacy Technician, Certified Nursing Assistant	\$500,000
Kaizen Technologies	Certified Medical Admin, Certified Medical Assistant	\$375,984
Middlesex County College	Certified Nurse Assistant, Electromechanical Tech	\$82,960
NJ Department of Health	Community Health Workers	\$499,754
NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs	Telecommunications Tech, Computer Support Specialist, Desk Support Tech	\$28,000
Ocean County College	Addiction Counseling, Hotel Management	\$161,910
Rowan College at Burlington County	HVACR	\$74,507



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Rutgers, The State University RBHS	Registered Nurse	\$500,000
Saint Peter's University	Cybersecurity Analyst, Cybersecurity Engineer, Data Scientist	\$252,367
WTIA	Cybersecurity Analyst, Software Developer, IT Business Analyst	\$215,400

The GAINS grant program, administered by the New Jersey Office of Apprenticeship, supports Governor Phil Murphy's New Jersey Apprenticeship Network, an initiative that seeks to make the Garden State a leader for apprenticeship programs and provide options for all New Jerseyans to build meaningful careers across a wide range of employers. The New Jersey Apprenticeship Network is a crucial part of Governor Murphy's Jobs NJ plan that helps job seekers access training for in-demand jobs and businesses to fill their talent needs in New Jersey.

Since Governor Murphy took office, there has been a 62% increase in registered apprenticeship programs and a 25% increase in active apprentices statewide. As of January 2020, there are more than 8,500 apprentices participating in 992 apprenticeship programs across the state.

The GAINS grant provides 50 percent wage reimbursements, up to \$8,000 for the first 6 months of employment of newly hired apprentices and offsets costs for training apprentices.

Through GAINS grant funding in fiscal year 2019, programs have been placing women, African-American, and Hispanic apprentices at twice the statewide average.

To learn more about New Jersey's growing apprenticeship opportunities, please visit apprenticeship.nj.gov.

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