

## Workforce Development Grant Program FY17 Report

### Purpose:

A well-trained workforce and a responsive educational and training system is critical to a strong economy of the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation service area. The Workforce Development Grant Program supports education and training initiatives that emerge from industry, industry clusters, schools, or collaborations that build capacity, increase responsiveness, or demonstrate innovation to address workforce needs within our service area.



FY17 Funding: \$200,000  
 # of Grants Awarded: 6  
 # of People Served: Up to 5,310  
 Agency Investment: \$ 187,000  
 Total Project Investment: \$1,197,500

Grantee	Description	# of People/Students Served	Agency Investment	Total Project Investment
Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency (AEOA)	Rural Rides – Career Pathways Pilot	1000	30,000	925,000
Summer Worker Outreach Project (SWOP)	Summer Programming – to equip 11-14 year old youth with life skills.	40	30,000	50,000
Iron Range Tourism Bureau	Certified Tourism Ambassador Program	80-100	35,000	37,000

Hibbing Area Chamber of Commerce	Teachers Business Connect - The intent is to inform teachers generally about local businesses and the availability and types of jobs that are available to students in the future.	70 Teachers	2,000	3,000
Northeast Minnesota Office of Job Training	Northeast Career Exploration – an effort to educate students and citizens about career opportunities.	Estimated 3450 – 4000 students, program continues through June 2018	40,000	42,500
Northeast Higher Education District	Corporate Leadership Training at Giants Ridge - delivering a variety of training opportunities for business and industry that are frequently needed by new employees or as refresher training for incumbent workers	Target 100 people by January 1, 2018	50,000	140,000