**MJSP Funded Projects**

**December 7, 2020**

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| **Grantee** | **Contributing Business (es)** | **Amount** | **Program** |
| Anoka Ramsey Community College | Resolution Medical, LLC | $49,934 | Short Form |
| Resolution Medical (RM), located in Fridley, is a manufacturing and development company that provides medical devices and components to customers around the world. RM has significant clinical, market, and product experience ranging from complex structural heart delivery systems to long-term implantable devices and continually invests in the latest technologies to support the needs of their customers. The company currently employs 115 individuals. RM is facing a number of challenges and a need for workforce training due to the continual change in products, the materials and manner in which they are made, and the technology and third-party requirements involved. The onset of COVID19 has underscored the need for training since RM is involved in the production of medical materials essential in combating the virus. In a partnership with Anoka Ramsey Community College (ARCC), and its sister institution Anoka Technical College (ATC), training will be developed in four critical areas: Intro to Product Development Process, Standard Operation Procedures Training, SolidWorks Training and Operations Lean Enterprise Training. All 115 employees will receive training in one or more areas. Due to COVID, training will be conducted in smaller socially distanced cohorts using both on-line and remote instruction. Training will greatly assist in the long-term skill base enhancement of RM employees and allow them to respond more efficiently to product development and changes. ARCC/ATC will gain new capacity in using micro video equipment and tools and asset management systems along with the opportunity to expand its connections with the medical device industry.  Contact: Matthew Salo, Anoka Ramsey Community College, 763.422.6116 | | | |

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| Anoka Ramsey Community College | Lake Region Electric Cooperative, Stearns Electric Association, land MiEnergy Cooperative | $49,896 | Short Form |
| Minnesota’s 50 electric cooperatives operate independent of each other, but work cooperatively through the with 75 employees. Employees are represented by IBEW 949 and 288, and USW 8392. With the onset of COVID19, the companies have reexamined workforce training content and delivery. The consortium wants to update and convert PowerPoint training materials to E-Learning and utilize Virtual Reality (VR) technology which will improve the learning experience and allow employees easier access to the training. Anoka Ramsey Community College (ARCC) and Anoka Technical College (ATC) will develop and deliver training to 181 employees using new VR technology and an on-line E-learning system. Technical expertise from VR vendors will be utilized in the implementation of the Freerange XR software system which uses Oculus VR wireless headsets. New and customized courses include Virtual Reality Training, Industrial Safety, Work Safety and Virus Safety. As a result of this project, MREA will gain state-of-the-art educational technology that will assist in the long-term skill base of their workers. Employees will increase their knowledge in the areas of safety, compliance and responsiveness. ARCC/ATC will expand its connections with a new industry and will gain new capacity with the development of the new VR system.  Contact: Matthew Salo, Anoka Ramsey Community College, 763.422.6116 | | | |

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| CAPI USA | M Health Fairview | $22,043 | Short Form |
| With the continuing public health crisis, opportunities for Nursing Assistant (NA) positions have been expanding across group homes, assisted living and long-term care facilities. Demand for NAs has also accelerated in response to the State’s waiver of training requirements for NAs in April 2020, enabling trainees to begin work and learn on the job. For the past six years, CAPI has provided Nursing Assistant Training, and in the past year, has expanded the training to clients at the Lake Street office with support of the City of Minneapolis and Minneapolis Community and Technical College (Minneapolis CTC). This Pathways project will provide Nursing Assistant training for 10 low income individuals in preparation for the State exam and employment at M Health Fairview. Eligible participants begin with an existing one-week prep class at CAPI that includes an introduction to NA, work readiness and financial literacy. Minneapolis College will provide online/in-person training with 70 hours of technical training, 8 hours of Basic Life Support, 20 hours of virtual/in-person clinical training, and 8 hours of State exam preparation. Due to COVID, clinical training hours cannot be offered in long-term care facilities. However, State guidelines have expanded, and there are plans for student to conduct their clinical training in a simulated setting that will be newly created at Minneapolis CTC. CAPI’s Employment Navigators assists participants from recruitment to retention, ensuring they maintain 100% attendance and are prepared to take the NA skills and written exams to be placed on the MN Dept. of Health’s NA registry. Upon passing the State exam, selected trainees will immediately begin employment (at a minimum of 32 hours per week) with benefits at M Health Fairview. Those not selected and those who are seeking employment at other locations will receive direct job placement assistant by their CAPI Navigator and MN Opportunity Corps members. CAPI will provide 12-months of retention services that include help with job-related issues, financial coaching and job advancement.  Contact: Ekta Prakash, CAPI USA, 612-767-3661 | | | |