



**Office of Equal Opportunity – On-the-Job Training Program  
Pre-Apprenticeship & Supportive Services Grant 2015-2017 Awards Announcement**

After an extensive competitive process, the WSDOT the following organizations have been awarded funds to provide outreach, training and supportive services to females, minorities and socially and economically disadvantaged individuals across Washington State:

- ANEW (King County) - \$89,378.00
- JM Perry Tech (Yakima County) - \$88,107.00
- Spokane Community College (Spokane County) - \$62,505.00
- Cooper Zietz/Akana (South West Washington) - \$120,000.00

In addition, each of the following programs received \$33,336.00 for tuition assistance and supportive services for students enrolling in their pre-apprenticeship program:

- Seattle Vocational Institute PACT program
- Tulalip Vocational Training Center
- King County PACE Program

WSDOT has developed a pilot program with an allocation of \$225,000.00 to two community organizations that work specifically with immigrant populations in King County: Partner in Employment, in partnership with the South King County Emerging Community for Equity; and The Coalition of Immigrants, Refugees and Communities of Color, two organizations familiar with the unique needs of the members of these communities. A partnership with the Ironworkers was also created as part of this program to provide direct training and job placement opportunities. The intent of this pilot program is to develop a new model for partnership that community organizations can use to learn how to create programs and partnerships with apprenticeship that will qualify for grant assistance to connect their community members with the heavy highway construction industry.

A total of \$63,000.00 has been allocated to create a statewide supportive services program that will provide supportive services to first year apprentices, and to continue to develop outreach strategies to connect communities statewide to the grant opportunity.

The next grant cycle application process is tentatively set to being January of 2017. The funding allocated for the 2017-2019 biennium is \$1.5 million, with \$750,000 to be awarded in 2017.