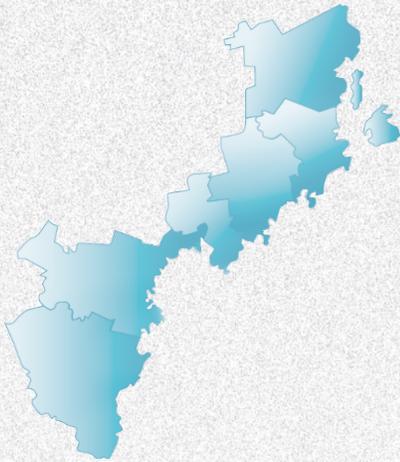


# American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

## ARPA Workers Fund



## Coastal Counties

*Counties of York, Cumberland, Sagadahoc,  
Lincoln, Knox, and Waldo*

### Supporting Client's Through Earn As You Learn Stipend

#### Project Overview

In November 2022, Coastal Counties Workforce, Inc. was awarded \$500,000 in funding through the Maine Department of Labor's federal ARPA funds to invest in two distinct projects. First, for the implementation of a stipend pilot to incentivize participants' attendance and completion of occupational skills training. Stipends for individuals enrolled in occupational training will address economic barriers that prevent them from attending and persisting in training. Second, for the sourcing of a communications vendor to design and launch an innovative outreach campaign to engage eligible individuals not previously connected to the workforce development system, in hopes of getting them connected to services.

#### Eligible Participants

Individuals must be recipients of public assistance and/or low-income adults, as defined by current Competitive Skills Scholarship Program (CSSP) guidelines which defines low-income as having a household income of less than 200% of the federal poverty level.

Period of  
Performance



11/1/2022 –  
10/30/2026

Approved  
Amount



\$500,000

Planned  
Participants



132

Target Population



Low-Income  
Clients Enrolled in  
Occupational  
Training



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