



As part of the Workforce Education and Investment Act (HB 2158), the Legislature made Career Connect Washington a reality. By establishing Career Connect Washington (CCW), the legislature committed to scaling up high-quality career connected learning opportunities that address persistent educational opportunity gaps and meet the talent needs of employers. Through career connected learning (CCL) opportunities that are available across communities and regions, students can advance their academic learning and build awareness of and prepare for high-demand, career opportunities.

The funding passed in 2019 as part of HB 2158 allows Career Connect Washington to:

- Build regional networks that will connect employers and educators, working together to develop training programs with both workplace and classroom components
- Build education and training curriculums that will prepare students for today’s careers
- Increase enrollment in both existing and new career connected learning programs
- Develop new registered apprenticeships in health care, advanced manufacturing, construction and information technology, among other fields.

Since the end of the legislative session, Career Connect Washington has been hard at work. The Cross Agency Work Group has been established, initial grants have been awarded to Regional Networks and Program Intermediaries (see recipients below) and the Career Launch endorsement process has been finalized with an initial set of applications already in process. In addition, using private funding, Career Connect Washington has developed a marketing and a technology strategy so that students, parents, educators and businesses know about and can access career connected learning programs available across Washington.

Nine Regional Networks across the state

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Career Connect Washington Intermediary Grantees (Cohort 1)

Lead sponsors

	Aerospace	Agriculture/ Food Processing	Automotive	Construction	Health care	Hospitality	Information Technology	Manufacturing	Maritime
ANEW Construction trades <u>Career Preparation</u> / pre-apprenticeship (King)				✓					
Computing for All Develop <u>Career Preparation</u> / pre-apprenticeship program to prepare students for Apprenti and similar programs (King)							✓		
UW Tacoma Expand General Service Technician <u>Registered Apprenticeships</u> ; Master Service Technician <u>Registered Apprenticeships</u> (Pierce)			✓						
OESD 114 Develop new construction trades and maritime (specifically marine construction, fisheries, maritime logistics) <u>Career Launches</u> (Kitsap)				✓				✓	✓
SEIU 10700 Create new Central Sterile Processing Technician and Pharmacy Technician <u>Reg. Apprenticeships</u> ; Expand Medical Assisting <u>Reg. Apprenticeship</u> programs (King)					✓				
SkillsSource Develop new <u>Career Launch</u> in aviation maintenance and hospitality mgmt.; Expand existing IT support <u>Registered Apprenticeship</u> (Chelan/Grant/Adams)	✓					✓	✓		
Spokane Workforce Council Expand existing manufacturing <u>Registered Apprenticeship</u> programs, with AJAC as one of the primary partners (Spokane)								✓	
WAFBE Expand AJAC manufacturing <u>Youth Registered Apprenticeships</u> , including expansion to food processing and agriculture industries (Southcentral Region/Yakima)		✓						✓	
WABS Develop new <u>Career Launch</u> programs with T-Mobile, focused on data management, advanced analytics, artificial intelligence, etc. (King)							✓		
Workforce Expand semiconductor <u>Career Launch</u> program; Develop a new medical assisting <u>Career Launch</u> (Clark/Cowlitz)					✓				✓

*Program has not yet received formal endorsement

In the 2020 Session, Career Connect Washington is seeking funding for portions of the legislation which were left unfunded and which are essential to continuing to make progress toward our goal of 100% student exposure to career connected learning opportunities and 60% enrollment in Career Launch programs by 2030. Our funding requests are focused on program creation and building awareness among students and families. If we are to meet our goal of creating 120 new and expanded career connected learning programs serving 5000 young people over this biennium, this funding is essential.

Item	Description	Supporting Legislation
Program Intermediary Grants	18 additional grants to develop CCL programs (support 720 new enrollments)	Sec. 56 of HB 2158 -- unfunded (WIOA leveraged for FY 20)
Regional Network Grants	Support for Puget Sound serving largest student region (e.g. King, Pierce counties)	Sec. 55 (4) and Sec. 56 (all) of HB 2158 -- underfunded
Marketing	Provides funding for targeted CCW marketing to students and families Funds communications, advertising purchases, marketing vendors and an FTE to manage day-to-day comms for CCW leadership team	Sec. 55 (1) (c) of HB 2158 -- unfunded
CCL Program Directory	Funding to WSAC to create a career connected learning program directory	Sec. 55 (1) (f-g) of HB 2158 -- unfunded
Tribal Liaison	Provides funding for 1 FTE to provide support to tribal schools	Sec. 55 (1) (k), (2) (a) – req'd to meet equity goal for tribal student enrollment/completion