

## **Abstract**

**Applicant Name:** Indian Hills Community College (IHCC)

**Project Title:** IHCC's Job Corps Scholars Program

**Description of the Area to be Served:** Three southeast Iowa cities will be served: Centerville, Fairfield and Ottumwa. These cities are home to approximately 6,000 residents age 16 to 24, including many who are low-income and have other barriers to education and employment.

**Number of Participants to be Served:** 80 participants

**Whether Proposed Project Includes Residential Component:** No

**Funding Level Requested:** \$1,186,900 over 39 months

**Total Cost Per Participant:** \$14,836 (Federal), \$16,542 (Federal plus Local Cost Share)

**Applicant Institution Type:** Two-year, public community college

**Experience Working with Job Corps Eligible Student Population:** IHCC has worked closely with the Ottumwa Job Corps Center (OJC) since its opening in 2011 to expand postsecondary training opportunities for OJC students. At present OJC students can choose from over 40 career training programs at IHCC. Over the last eight years, more than 230 OJC students have graduated from IHCC with a certificate, diploma or associate degree. The College also has experience delivering services to the target population through four TRiO programs and the WIOA Title I Youth and Young Adult Services Program, among other programs.

**List of Previous Personal/Career and Employment Counseling Services Provided:**

- *TRiO Student Support Services:* Helps 225 disadvantaged college students each year with identifying career goals, connecting with resources to help succeed in education, careers and in their personal lives and determining their next steps following graduation.

- *WIOA Title I Youth and Young Adult Services Program:* Provides services to help disconnected youth obtain jobs with self-sufficiency wages, including the provision of comprehensive personal guidance and counseling and career exploration services.
- *Career and technical education faculty advising:* IHCC's CTE faculty deliver career advising and employment placement services to students enrolled in their programs.

**List of Current Technical Training Programs Offered 12 Months or Less in Duration and**

**Maximum Credit Hours Earned Upon Completion:** Business Specialist (38 credits), Clinical

Laboratory Assistant (28 credits), Commercial Driver Training (10 credits), Computer

Accounting (24 credits), Health Unit Coordinator (19 credits), HVAC and Refrigeration (25

credits), Industrial Maintenance (28 credits), Phlebotomy (9 credits), Process Control (34 credits)

**Brief Summary of Proposed Project Including Scope and Proposed Outcomes:** IHCC's Job

Corps Scholars Program will help disadvantaged youth in southeast Iowa break the cycle of poverty through postsecondary job training, intensive personal and employment counseling, high

school credit recovery and learning community support. Scholars will receive intensive personal guidance and support while enrolled in a certificate or diploma career training program at IHCC

that is nine months or less, followed by 12 months of one-on-one employment and transitional

counseling and support. Participants will also take part in a summer term learning community

and can simultaneously earn their high school diploma if needed. Proposed outcomes include but

are not limited to: a 90% separation rate, an 76.4% job placement rate during the 12-month

period post-separation, a \$14 per hour average wage for participants in qualifying placement 12

months after separation and 12.5% of participants enrolled in an apprenticeship upon separation.

**Census Tract Number(s) in Service Delivery Area Designated as a qualified Opportunity**

**Zone:** Centerville, Iowa - Census tract number 19007950300.