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WORKFORCE TRAINING FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR ORANGE COUNTY RESIDENTS

ORANGE, VA – Orange County residents may receive up to \$5,500 in workforce training funds for tuition, books, fees, and travel through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) program. The WIOA workforce program is designed to prepare Orange County jobseekers for a position earning a competitive wage in high-demand industries, such as healthcare, manufacturing, information technology, and business. To quality for the program you must either be recently unemployed, earning below the income threshold, a young adult aged 16-24, or present another applicable barrier to employment.

"Last year, 117 individuals in our region received training through the Virginia Career Works-Piedmont workforce program. Many graduated with short-term credentials including: Commercial Driver's License (CDL), Certified Nursing Assistant, Phlebotomy, Security+, and Information Technology certificates. In addition to the credentialed training, we also provide support for soft skills development, resume writing, interview skills, and local job searches," stated Marty Bywaters-Baldwin, Director of Workforce Services at the Orange Workforce Center.

For more information about the WIOA programs, the Orange Career Center, and Virginia Career Works, contact the Orange Workforce Center at (540) 322-8850, visit the Orange County Workforce Center located at 127 Belleview Ave, Orange, VA 22960, or visit online at https://vcwpiedmont.com/about/wioa/.

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