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### Montco Organizations Awarded Apprenticeship Grants

**Norristown, PA (April 10, 2018)** – The Montgomery County Commerce Department and MontcoWorks are pleased to announce that four Montgomery County organizations have received grant funding through the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry to support pre-apprenticeship and registered apprenticeship programs.

“Montgomery County is always pursuing partnerships with the private sector to help connect jobseekers to opportunities and connect employers in need of a skilled workforce to those ready to learn,” said Dr. Val Arkoosh, Chair, Montgomery County Commissioners. “We are excited that these grants will provide even more opportunities to build on our thriving jobs market.”

MontcoWorks will serve as fiscal agent to assist in facilitation of pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs through the following grants:

- [Associated Builders and Contractors Eastern PA](#) – \$50,000 capacity building grant for a construction apprenticeship
- [Central Montco Technical High School](#) – \$40,000 grant for a construction pre-apprenticeship
- [First Quality Retail Services](#) – \$45,495 capacity building grant and \$20,080 grant for an Industrial Manufacturing Technician – Machine Operator pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship program
- [NTMA Philadelphia/Delaware Valley](#) – \$45,495 capacity building grant for manufacturing.

Pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs allow employers to build a highly-skilled workforce through specific, industry-driven training. Job seekers can develop viable career pathways while earning sustainable wages.

Twenty-eight grants totaling \$2 million were awarded statewide through Governor Tom Wolf’s PAsmart initiative. MontcoWorks will work closely with award recipients to match employers and job seekers who will most benefit from this innovative initiative.

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