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Rep. Kristina Shelton: \$130 million in Workforce Solutions Investment from Governor Evers

GREEN BAY – Governor Tony Evers announced a monumental investment in supporting the development of Wisconsin's workforce recovery at an event in Green Bay this morning. The investment, totaling \$130 million dollars, will be directed in multiple efforts, including grants to create programs to connect unemployed residents with resources and opportunities for employment and skills-based training. Representative Shelton (D-Green Bay) released the following statement in response:

"Governor Evers' announcement today will make a lasting difference on the workforce landscape of Wisconsin. These grant programs are critically needed at the state and local level, and will assist in supporting a stronger state in the wake of a global pandemic. Particularly, I believe the grant programs created to connect unemployed residents with opportunities to gain relative skills and with career coaches will prove to be a successful and innovative approach to getting our community members, friends, and neighbors back on their feet and into the workforce.

"This investment will help citizens in my own community and across the entire state. As this initiative will fund regional and local support programs as well, I look forward to seeing how Green Bay will grow and strengthen its workforce in the upcoming months. These grants will be used where our needs exist - whether it be in affordable childcare, transit access, talent retention, or something more unique to our community.

"Working alongside the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, the Department of Workforce Development, and the Department of Administration in these efforts show our Governor's commitments to working together for a common goal: a stronger Wisconsin workforce. Using these funds from the American Rescue Plan Act in this investment is a smart and transformational approach to assisting our state's recovery."

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