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### **Harford County Doubles Grant Awards for Employee Training to Help Businesses Improve Productivity; Applications Due Oct. 20**

**BEL AIR, Md.,** (Oct. 2, 2023) - Harford County has doubled the amount it will reimburse businesses that invest in employee training to boost productivity.

Beginning in October, Harford's Workforce Technical Training Grant Program will provide up to \$2,000 per trained employee, and up to \$10,000 per company annually for qualified businesses in any industry. The maximum grant amounts are doubled from prior years to encourage participation, following a recommendation of the Harford County Economic Development Advisory Board.

"In today's high-tech world, employee training is critical for businesses to stay competitive," County Executive Bob Cassilly said. "Our grant program helps companies pay for technical training and helps employees improve their skills to qualify for well-paying jobs. These funds are an investment in our economy and our community."

The Harford County Office of Economic Development hosts a webinar the second Tuesday of each month to review the application process and allow business owners to ask questions. The next webinar is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Tuesday, October 10. The deadline for this round of applications is 5 p.m. on Friday, October 20. The next round of applications will be reviewed in May.

Applications and information about the program and the webinars are online at <https://www.harfordcountymd.gov/1285/Workforce-Technical-Training-Grant>.

Questions may be directed to Bonnie Barresi, Harford County business development associate, at [bebarresi@harfordcountymd.gov](mailto:bebarresi@harfordcountymd.gov) or 410-638-3338.

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