

Atlanta CareerRise

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CareerRise Releases its 2019 Request for Proposals

CareerRise will allocate approximately \$400,000 for investments via its sixth Request for Proposals (RFP) for sector partnerships. Applicants must identify whether they are applying for **Regional Sectors Innovation Funding** (focused on Healthcare, IT or TDL) or **Localized Partnership Funding**. New this year, CareerRise will give special consideration to thoughtful approaches that target one or more “Innovation Challenges” listed below:

- Adapting Training for Working Adults
- Innovative Advancement Strategies after Training
- Building Better Jobs
- Strategies to Improve Outcomes based on Race, Equity and Inclusion
- Innovative Use of Technology

An optional **Informational Session** will be held on **Thursday, February 28, 2019** from **1:30-3:00 pm** at **United Way of Greater Atlanta**. A call in option is available upon request by emailing ncarter@unitedwayatlanta.org

Proposals are due electronically by **5 pm EDT Monday, April 8, 2019**.

The application is located on our website. [Click here to apply.](#)

CareerRise Selected for National Systems Change Grant

Atlanta CareerRise announces that it has been awarded a three year grant to address critical systemic barriers to low-wage workers' economic mobility. The \$800,000 investment, made possible by the Ballmer Group, National Fund for Workforce Solutions, and local funders, will enable a partnership of Atlanta CareerRise, WorkSource Metro Atlanta, and other regional partners expand access to services to individuals from high-need areas. To ensure more equitable access to services, the project will determine how and where workforce services are deployed across the entire region, develop uniform eligibility requirements and application process, and increase participation of nonprofit providers to deliver services in the community.

"This support will help the workforce system harmonize and align their processes so that people don't get caught up in different requirements depending on their zip code," said Atlanta CareerRise Executive Director Cinda Herndon-King. "We will also be looking at services and outcomes through a race, equity and inclusion lens with an eye toward identifying real actions we can take to reduce disparities."

Chosen from among nineteen applicants, Atlanta joins fellow grantees Baltimore, Cleveland and Syracuse in developing innovative approaches tailored to their labor market and regional economy.

[Click here for the press release.](#)



WorkSource Metro Atlanta Convenes First All Partners Meeting

Workforce partners and employers from all three regional sectors - Healthcare, IT and TDL - convened for the first time on January 9 to celebrate and highlight the progress in establishing cross-regional sector partnerships in these high demand industries. The luncheon highlighted industry partnerships and employer leadership as a powerful catalyst to change and included two panels featuring employers and all five metro Atlanta workforce board directors (pictured at the top right).



At this event, the state's Office of Workforce Development reinforced the success of the metro Atlanta work, and announced it will continue support of regional high growth sector partnerships through a proposal process for 2019-2020.

Atlanta CareerRise is the primary subcontractor on the current award to WorkSource Metro Atlanta. The event had over 150 attendees from the metro Atlanta region.

Save the Date

The National Fund will host its biennial national meeting on June 25-27, 2019, in Dallas, TX. Attendance is open to all; visit NationalFund.org for more information

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