

## Northeast Ohio gets grants for health care job training

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Cuyahoga Community College students check the heartbeat of "Steve," a mannequin used in diagnosing certain medical conditions. Cuyahoga and Lakeland Community Colleges will share a \$5 million federal grant to train students for biomedical industry careers like medical device and pharmaceutical manufacturing. Photo: Gus Chan, The Plain Dealer

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The [Berea Children's Home](#) got a \$4.93 million U.S. Labor Department job training grant on Friday that it will use to train more than 1,000 new nursing assistants for jobs in area hospitals, nursing homes and homes.

[Cuyahoga](#) and [Lakeland](#) Community Colleges will share in a separate \$5 million federal grant to train students for biomedical industry careers like medical device and pharmaceutical manufacturing. The grants were among \$225 million nationwide that Labor Secretary Hilda Solis awarded under the [American Recovery and Reinvestment Act](#). The \$19 million Ohio got was particularly targeted to communities that lost automotive industry jobs.

Ohio also got \$43 million in stimulus money to develop a health information exchange, Gov. Ted Strickland announced. He said it would be used to develop a "statewide infrastructure for our health care system" that would lower costs and improve the quality of care for patients.

About 3,400 Ohioans around the state will benefit from the job training grants, said Ed Montgomery, Executive Director of the White House Council on Automotive Communities and Workers.

"There has been a disconnect between what companies need and what workers' qualifications are," U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown, a Democrat from Avon, said in announcing the grants. "This will help close that gap."

The Berea program will enroll displaced workers, veterans, high school dropouts and unemployed and underemployed individuals in a nurse assistant training program that will include six months of job placement assistance.

"This is a growing job market right now and there are lots of jobs available in this field," said the Berea program's coordinator, Kiersten Martens. Potential applicants for the program can email her at [kmartens@bchfs.org](mailto:kmartens@bchfs.org) or call 440-260-8343. Cuyahoga and Lakeland Community Colleges will get a share of money designated for Columbus-based BioOhio. All money at Tri-C will be designated for student scholarships to train entry-level production workers, as well as current and displaced workers looking for training. Local companies including Ben Venue Laboratories, STERIS, and Affymetrix will assist with the program.

To apply for the Cuyahoga Community College program, contact John Gajewski, (216) 987-3048, email: [john.gajewski@tri-c.edu](mailto:john.gajewski@tri-c.edu)

To apply for the Lakeland Community College program, contact Joseph Deak at (440) 525-7466, email: [jdeak@lakelandcc.edu](mailto:jdeak@lakelandcc.edu)

## Ohio gets \$19M in federal funds for health care job training

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Four Ohio organizations will receive a total of \$19 million in federal funding to train workers for jobs in the health care industry.

The funding comes from last year's [federal stimulus act](#) and will be distributed by the U.S. Department of Labor, according to a statement from the office of [Sen. Sherrod Brown](#).

"These funds will provide training to Ohioans so they can pursue good-paying, high-tech health care jobs," Brown said in the statement. "These investments will prepare Ohioans for employment in high growth industries that require workers to have specialized skill sets and training in technology."

The recipients and individual grant amounts are:

- [BioOhio](#), \$5 million
- [Cincinnati State and Technical Community College](#), \$4.9 million
- [Columbus State Community College](#), \$4.6 million
- [Berea Children's Home](#), \$4.9 million

BioOhio says it will partner with several community colleges and employers throughout the state to train 660 "displaced or underemployed workers in declining industries" for jobs in the biomedical industry. Those employers include [STERIS Corp.](#), [Ben Venue Laboratories](#) and [Affymetrix](#), according to a statement from BioOhio. The companies have said they will consider hiring applicants who've completed the training programs.

"Workers completing this training will directly contribute to Ohio's strengths, especially in manufacturing and testing," said Bill Tacon, BioOhio's senior director of workforce.

## **Grants to benefit jobless: Federal money gives medical training to veterans, underemployed**

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**LORAIN** — Workers seeking job training to enter the medical field can benefit from a new round of federal grants announced yesterday by the U.S. Department of Labor.

Lorain County is a beneficiary of a \$4.92 million grant to the Berea Children's Home, which will coordinate re-training efforts for unemployed people, veterans, high school dropouts and underemployed workers. The money is part of more than \$225 million for health care and high growth training grants funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, including more than \$19 million for Ohio.

The money will be used to expand the Northeast Ohio Nurse Assistant Training Program, which trains people for the Ohio Nurse Assistant Examination or to go into further health care education programs.

The program hopes to enroll 1,024 participants and provide intensive job placement and retention help to graduates.

Lorain County Community College will be a partner agency along with several health care networks and hospitals around Cleveland, according to plans.

Yesterday, Sen. Sherrod Brown joined Edward Montgomery, the executive director of the White House Council on Automotive Communities and Workers, and staff from the U.S. Department of Labor to announce the program.

Staff from the Berea Children's Home were not available for comment yesterday.

Auto communities benefitting from these programs are listed in the grant summaries found at [www.doleta.gov/factsheet/ARRA\\_Health\\_and\\_Other.pdf](http://www.doleta.gov/factsheet/ARRA_Health_and_Other.pdf).