

To: Ramsey County Board of Commissioners
CC: Ryan O'Connor, Johanna Berg
From: Ling Becker, Director, Workforce Solutions
RE: Intent to Apply for SNAP Employment and Training 2022 Funds
Grant: Local Plan Application for the SNAP Employment and Training Funds to Administer Employment and Training Program for the SNAP Eligible Residents of Ramsey County
Date: July 8, 2021

Ramsey County Workforce Solutions (WFS) administers the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs Employment and Training (SNAP E&T) for all eligible Ramsey County residents on behalf of the Department of Human Services (DHS). Counties are required to submit a yearly plan to DHS describing details of the program operations including how they will coordinate with other employment programs and other support systems.

WFS' goal is to help SNAP E&T eligible residents fully utilize their SNAP benefits, gain essential skills needed for gainful employment, and successfully transition off public assistance. There is a statewide focus on offering a skill-development continuum of services to residents. The goal is to work collectively with community and local colleges, community-based organizations, WIOA programs and others to build creative and innovative approaches to provide services to the residents across the local area, leverage multiple funding streams and help residents secure employment.

WFS plans to enroll 220 SNAP participants who can benefit from SNAP E&T services. In addition to the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners, the Workforce Innovation Board WIB is informed of the SNAP E&T Local Plan.

Due date: July 9, 2021 (DHS released the Local Plan information on June 21, 2021)

Amount: \$347,621 in SNAP 100% funding and \$40,000 in SNAP 50/50 reimbursement. The actual amount for 100% funding will be determined by DHS based on the funds available

Status: Once awarded, WFS will provide an update and will provide ongoing updates and information regarding program administration to the full WIB.