# AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT Mayor's Office of Employment Development is awarded \$30 million to

expand workforce development

This investment with the Mayor's Office of Employment Development (MOED) will prioritize unemployed and underemployed residents, particularly our most disadvantaged jobseekers, including returning citizens, opportunity youth, and public assistance recipients. These programs will increase access to opportunity, promote local job growth, and support low-income households. These programs combined will improve chances of economic success for those who were disadvantaged before the public health emergency and subsequently disproportionately impacted since its onset.

## Hire Up

Hire Up is a transitional jobs program with City and quasi-government agencies. These \$15 per hour, 6month positions will enable 220 low-income residents to earn wages and support the economic recovery of their households while also delivering public services that will support a cleaner, safer, more welcoming city.

# Train Up

Train Up will offer occupational skills training, industryrecognized credentials, and \$100/week stipends for 838 residents to upskill and obtain jobs in high-demand industries in the region, such as biotechnology, business services, healthcare, and information technology

#### **Youth Works**

MOED has operated the YouthWorks summer jobs for over 30 years, providing valuable work experience for city residents ages 14 to 21. MOED will use the ARPA investment to fund 4,000 youth over two summers, as well as 100 youth during the school year through the first-ever YouthWorks Academy.

## **Workforce Supports**

ARPA funding will provide behavioral health, legal services, adult education, financial empowerment counseling, and career navigation to residents participating in Hire Up or Train Up. In addition, these funds will support wage subsidies for nearly 20% of program participants at small, minority- and womenowned businesses.

# **Budget Snapshot:**



# **SUMMARY:**

- MOED will receive \$30 million for workforce development.
- This ARPA investment will benefit City youth, returning citizens, public assistance recipients, and small, minority and women-owned businesses,

For more information about the Mayor's Office of Recovery Programs and for updates on ARPA Funding, please visit arp.baltimorecity.gov

