# **WASHINGTON STATE ECONOMIC RECOVERY**

Built on local Workforce solutions.

## There is urgent need for business to hire skilled workers and for workers to secure familysustaining wage jobs.

- · 179,000+ vacant jobs
- · Over 373,000 unemployed workers
- · Fewer than 2% of workers who recently lost unemployment benefits have returned to work
- · Racial disparity gap is widening
- · Over 90% of those in need are not served with the current level of investment.

#### **WE RECOMMEND**

Strategic investment of \$50 million in a Workforce Innovation Fund to empower local solutions with flexible funding.

- · Employer driven solutions putting Washintonians into jobs in highdemand sectors
- · Pre-apprenticeships, apprenticeships, critical, evidence-based earn-and-learn models
- · Increase and intentional focus on Black, Indigenous, Latinx, AAPI and other people of color. Community co-design focused on workforce development pathways

#### **LEARN MORE**

Join the effort to help Washingtonians secure their futures.

washingtonworkforce.org

#### SOLUTIONS

Local Workforce Boards bring business, education, labor, and communities together.

- · For over 80 years, the infrastructure we built has integrated systems and dollars for the highest possible ROI
- · Data-driven results of over 80% success rate, by optimizing multiple resources targeted to proven solutions

#### LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT **BOARDS IMPACT**

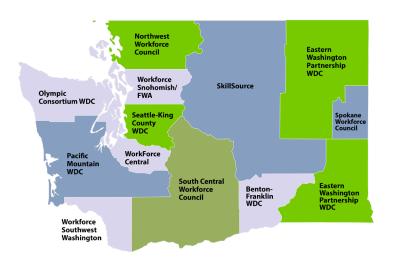
**STATEWIDE 2020/21** 



Collectively over 15,000 businesses served



78,000 workers served



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