

Atlanta CareerRise Receives Grant for Sustainability Planning

ATLANTA (October 23, 2015) - Atlanta CareerRise was selected to receive support for sustainability planning through a grant from the Kellogg Foundation to the National Fund for Workforce Solutions. This support will include peer learning meetings, webinars, and assistance from the National Fund over the next two years.

This support will enable CareerRise to

- Receive direct consulting assistance to guide in the development of our strategy and in the identification of a local consultant to assist in the development of the sustainability plan
- Participate in peer learning convenings and webinars focused on collaborative sustainability
- Hire a local consultant to help the collaborative create a three-year sustainability strategy. The National Fund will reimburse costs associated with hiring a consultant, up to \$20,000 per collaborative.

Recently, the National Fund received a grant from the Kellogg Foundation which is focused on assisting National Fund sites in the South that have the greatest need for, and will most benefit from, targeted assistance focused on sustainability. The Kellogg Foundation and the National Fund share a goal of helping these sites strategically plan for sustainability by developing a compelling workforce and economic development vision and strong employer leadership for their communities.

Loh-Sze Leung, former director of SkillWorks in Boston, will be assisting the National Fund in leading this project. Her work will include planning peer learning meetings and webinars and assisting collaboratives in furthering their local work on sustainability.

.At the end of the two year period of assistance Collaboratives that receive assistance will be able to demonstrate an ability to articulate a clear vision and set of goals over the next three years; work across sectors to achieve these goals; identify local, state and national resources to support the collaborative; and implement a demand-driven model of workforce development.

About Atlanta CareerRise

Atlanta CareerRise, regional funders collaborative managed by the United Way of Greater Atlanta and supported by investments from the National Fund for Workforce Solutions and eight local funding partners, implements a nationally-recognized model of workforce development in the 13-county Greater Atlanta region. Atlanta CareerRise benefits the community, employers and the underemployed by creating employer-led workforce partnerships to train employees and applicants for middle-skill careers in high-growth industries. For more information visit www.atlantacareerrise.org