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Mid-Carolina Regional Council of Governments Receives \$516,387 Workforce Inclusion Grant

Center for Workforce Inclusion, Inc. awards grant directed to assist in workforce training for job seekers 55+

Fayetteville. August 14, 2024 – Mid-Carolina Regional Council of Governments (MCRC) announced today that it was awarded a \$516,387 Workforce Inclusion grant from the Center for Workforce Inclusion, Inc. (CWI). Almost 90 percent of this grant – originally from the U.S. Department of Labor – will provide temporary employment to no less than 87 low-income older North Carolinians living in Bladen, Cumberland, Lee, Moore, Richmond, and Robeson. These older adults will participate in the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), a cornerstone program of the Older Americans Act and the only federal job training program targeted exclusively to low-income, older job seekers.

In its 59th year, SCSEP promotes personal dignity and self-sufficiency through work. The training attained through SCSEP provides in-demand skills for older, unemployed, low-income Americans. The Center, a top-tier U.S. Department of Labor National Grantee of SCSEP, works through a network of local partners delivering career training programs for eligible 50-plus-year-old workers across the United States. To date, the Center has helped more than 500,000 gain unsubsidized employment from the SCSEP program. “Our long-term, local partners are a key to the strength of the Center and provide the systems to train older Americans into strategic advantage for employers across the country.” said Gary A. Officer, Center for Workforce Inclusion President and CEO. “We are very pleased to continue our support of Mid-Carolina Council of Governments for the 3rd consecutive year.”