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City of Scranton Opens Pre-Apprenticeship Grant Applications Through August 29

SCRANTON, PA. – The City of Scranton is announcing a grant opportunity that is available for pre-apprenticeship programs in the building trades and carpentry. Applications are due by Friday, Aug. 29, 2025. Interested groups can apply online through OpenGov at <https://bit.ly/ScrantonApprentice2025>.

“Apprenticeship programs provide the local training, equipment, and materials that can help Scranton residents pursue a career with family-sustaining wages,” said Mayor Paige G. Cagnetti. “We are proud to support workforce development programs that strengthen our local trades and small businesses.”

Grants are available to organizations that offer apprenticeship opportunities that can help create employment for those living in Scranton.

Applicants should be registered pre-apprenticeship programs to be eligible. They should provide a comprehensive budget for their funding request, explain the expected outcomes of their program, and discuss how program successes will be evaluated.

Programs may be funded in part or in full based on available funds. All funds must be used by December 31, 2025.

Applications are open now. Interested groups can contact Liza Carroll at lcarroll@scrantonpa.gov with questions.

The City’s pre-apprenticeship grants previously supported initiatives including a Carpenters’ Apprentice Ready Program (CARP) that had previously only been offered in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, expanding the program’s reach and opportunities for workers in Northeast Pennsylvania. Five students graduated from Scranton’s first CARP cohort last November through the Eastern Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters, allowing them the option to join a 20-week state-approved apprenticeship program to be completed over four years.

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ABOUT THE CITY OF SCRANTON: Incorporated in 1866, the City of Scranton has a population of approximately 76,000 residents and is the sixth-largest municipality in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Scranton City Hall is located at 340 N. Washington Ave., Scranton, PA 18503. Residents requiring services should visit www.scrantonpa.gov

ABOUT MAYOR PAIGE G. COGNETTI: Paige G. Cagnetti was sworn in as the 36th Mayor of Scranton in January 2020. Her administration is focused on driving economic growth, upgrading

infrastructure, ensuring public safety, fostering government transparency and efficiency, and improving residents' overall quality of life.