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Grants Will Increase Employment Opportunities for People with Disabilities

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services announces it is awarding ten grants in the amount of \$30,000 each to increase the ability of community agencies in helping people with disabilities join the workforce.

“People with disabilities want to work and can work. Expanding job opportunities enables people with disabilities to participate in and contribute to their communities,” said Secretary Karen Timberlake. “As a result of these awards, agencies will be able to provide more innovative, individualized, community-based services and supports to people who may otherwise not be working at all.”

People with disabilities are a minority among workers in the state and the grants are a step toward increasing their integration in the workforce. The ability to better serve and support people with disabilities, along with advancements in technology, make it possible for people with disabilities to work in the community.

The Department of Health Services will administer the grant money, which is being provided by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Agencies will also receive assistance from state and national experts in integrating people with disabilities into community workplace settings.

The agencies each receiving a \$30,000 grant are:

Agency	City
VIP Services, Inc.	Elkhorn
Diverse Options, Inc.	Fond du Lac
Portal Industries, Inc.	Grafton
N.E.W. Curative Rehabilitation	Green Bay
Hodan Center, Inc.	Mineral Point
RCS Empowers	Sheboygan
Ventures Unlimited, Inc.	Shell Lake
Diversified Services Center	Siren
Waukesha Training Center	Waukesha
The Threshold Inc.	West Bend

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