Signature Employment Grants

**National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation** (Washington, DC) - To advance individuals with disabilities along a hospitality career pathway by delivering sequenced training, employment, and advancement opportunities through community collaboratives, which include community-based organizations and industry. $250,000.

**University of Massachusetts Boston, Institute for Community Inclusion** (Boston, MA) - To enable teams of employment consultants and their managers to visualize their employment supports, reflect, set goals, and take action to improve the implementation of research-based employment supports and thus improve job seekers’ employment outcomes. $249,199.

Foundation Directed Grants

**Association of University Centers on Disabilities** (Silver Springs, MD) - To participate in monthly nTIDE Lunch and Learn webcast providing “News from the Field” in the first webcast of the month and participating in midmonth webcasts to brief news from Washington and answer questions. $25,000.

**Cornell University** (Ithaca, NY) - To deliver a comprehensive road map outlining the systemic gaps and barriers faced by individuals with disabilities in achieving competitive integrated employment, and potentially change ideas for investment in collaboration with J.E. & Z.B. Butler Foundation, Taft Foundation, and NY Community Trust. $35,000.

**University of New Hampshire** (Durham, NH) - To promote Kessler Foundation as a national leader in the area of disability employment practices and policies with the nTIDE Report and the nTIDE Lunch & Learn Webinar Series. $87,297.

Community Employment Grants

**Arc of Camden County, Inc. (The)** (Berlin, NJ) - To help individuals increase their financial independence by understanding how working can affect their Social Security income, The Arc of Camden County will provide benefits counseling and financial independence presentations to individuals who are interested in exploring employment or who are currently working in a competitive integrated work setting. $40,000.

**BLESSED Ministries, Inc.** (Newark, NJ) - To expand-on RE-SET I, RE-SET II seeks to provide work-readiness training, employment opportunities, and supportive services to 30 individuals with disabilities, particularly those with substance use disorders. $40,000.

**Camden City Garden Club, Inc.** (Camden City, NJ) - To provide underserved, at-risk youth with a 9-month program including an environmental science curriculum, financial literacy training, plus job skills training and part-time employment to prepare youth for post-secondary education and first adult employment opportunities. $10,000.
Center for Family Services (Camden, NJ) - To strategically connect workforce development and human services assets such as intensive case management for the benefit of individuals in recovery to gain and maintain meaningful employment through improved service delivery and by creating system-level change. $25,000.

HABcore, Inc. (Tinton Falls, NJ) - To expand the Supported Employment component to HABcore’s Independence Pathways Program to assist formerly homeless residents with disabilities achieve sustained, gainful employment. $35,000.

Jersey Cape Diagnostic, Training & Opportunity Center, Inc. (Cape May Court House, NJ) - To develop and administer a Building Services Technician Registered Apprenticeship program called Building Exceptional Services Technicians (BEST) that will serve a minimum of 20 individuals with disabilities during the contract period. $35,000.

Jewish Family Service of Atlantic & Cape May Counties (Margate, NJ) - To increase employment, improve financial stability, and reduce recidivism among individuals with disabilities in the justice system by bridging JFS’ justice system outreach and re-entry services to the job search and placement supports provided by JFS Vocational Services. $35,000.

VISIONS/Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired (New York, NY) - To introduce, through remote instruction, assistive technology and training for NJ job seekers who are new to vision loss. VISIONS will provide basic instruction in the use of assistive technology such as screen reading and screen magnification software and offer mentoring through VISIONS board members and VISIONS’ extensive network. $40,000.

**Special Initiative Grant**

Montclair State University Foundation (Montclair, NJ) - To fund ReelAbilities NJ, a statewide Film Festival that includes screenings, panel discussions and special events and expand programming to other parts of the state, including Central and Southern NJ. $20,000.

**Emergency Grant**

Portlight Strategies, Inc. (Charleston, NC) - To provide emergency funds for people with disabilities in the aftermath of Hurricane Ian 2022. $10,000.