

Advance Central PA and Williamsport Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee Secure \$103K Grant to Launch Electrical Construction Pre-Apprenticeship Program

Advance Central PA is proud to announce the receipt of a \$103,592 grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry as part of the Schools-to-Work Program (STWP). This funding will directly support a new pre-apprenticeship program designed to equip high school students and recent graduates for successful careers in electrical construction.

In partnership with the Williamsport Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee, Advance Central PA will introduce the specialized pre-apprenticeship program in the summer of 2026. The initiative will serve high school juniors, seniors, and recent graduates across Centre, Clinton, Lycoming, Northumberland, and Union Counties. Participants will gain hands-on experience in the field of electrical construction, bridging the gap between high school and employment or post-secondary education.

The pre-apprenticeship program will offer a curriculum that includes industry-aligned technical skills training, literacy and math instruction, and employability skills workshops provided by PA CareerLink®. Students can earn industry-recognized credentials, preparing them for entry into registered apprenticeships, post-secondary education, or employment.

As one of only 12 organizations across the Commonwealth selected to receive funding as part of this competitive grant process, Advance Central PA demonstrates its commitment to eliminating barriers to employment by offering students clear, structured pathways into the workforce.

“We are incredibly grateful to the PA Department of Labor and Industry for investing in Central PA’s future workforce,” stated Erica Mulberger, Executive Director of Advance Central PA. “I also want to thank our Local Workforce Development Board Members, especially Jim Beamer, Business Manager of IBEW Local 812, for their passion and vision in helping us create and implement training programs that develop a skilled labor force in our region.”

For more information about the program and Advance Central PA’s workforce development initiatives, visit www.advancecentralpa.org or contact hello@advancecentralpa.org.

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