



Dayton Recovery Plan investment to support technology careers

-Local training center will be NPower's first in Ohio-

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The City of Dayton has announced the newest investment of Dayton Recovery Plan funds, following approval of a contract by the City Commission on June 14. An investment of \$300,000 was awarded to NPower, Inc., a national non-profit organization.

NPower will use the Dayton Recovery plan funds to create a physical hub for technology workforce training and job placement. NPower provides skills training and practical experience for young adults and veterans from underserved communities interested in technology careers. It offers tuition-free, 16-week programs, and its graduates experience an average income increase of 420%.

The grant funds will be used to secure, prepare and equip a facility with broadband and other technology, furniture and supplies, marketing materials. NPower is currently considering options for its Dayton location and is developing partnerships with local organizations to support student recruitment. The first Dayton training cohort will begin in October 2023.

NPower operates in eight states, with a mission of moving people from poverty to middle class through technology skills training and quality job placements. Its classes and training help students master the basics of IT and work with mentors to grow and develop knowledge, skills and confidence. The Dayton operation will be its first in Ohio.

The Dayton Recovery Plan is a \$138 million framework for community COVID relief and investment for the future, made possible by the federal American Rescue Plan Act. Funding will be provided through the Dayton Recovery Plan's \$7.6 million Supporting Black and Brown Businesses initiative.

“Tech talent in Dayton is in high demand and NPower’s presence in our community will help provide unemployed and low-income young adults pathways to economic prosperity through digital careers,” said Dayton Mayor Jeffrey Mims. “NPower has a proven track record of success in several cities, so I am excited for the impact they will make here in Dayton.”

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