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New Mexico job support program supports 38 employees in May *EDD's JTIP program awards 7 companies with job training funds*

SANTA FE — The New Mexico Economic Development Department approved over \$648,000 in May to support job training for 38 New Mexican workers through its Job Training Incentive Program, helping both new applicants and returning businesses expand their workforce.

The Job Training Incentive Program (JTIP) will pay 50-90% of the wages for new employees in businesses that are growing or moving to New Mexico, for up to six months.

The program also helps cover training costs for interns and current employees who are learning new skills to move into better jobs through a JTIP program called Step Up.

Five JTIP awards went to repeat applicants, reflecting ongoing business growth in New Mexico, while two companies — AAA Cooper Transportation and Nuckolls Brewing Company — joined the program for the first time this month.

"These JTIP success stories illustrate how we are boosting our workforce and providing more job opportunities for New Mexicans," EDD Cabinet Secretary **Rob Black** said. "This program is changing lives and helping companies expand in communities across our state."

The seven companies approved for funding are listed below.

- [**AAA Cooper Transportation**](#) in Albuquerque was awarded up to \$165,922 for 10 trainees at an average hourly wage of \$34. AAA Cooper Transportation is a multi-regional transportation solutions provider offering less-than-truckload, dedicated contract carriage, truckload brokerage, fleet maintenance, and international services.
- [**BlackVe Inc.**](#) in Albuquerque was awarded up to \$62,369 for two trainees at an average hourly wage of \$57. BlackVe develops national security space capabilities for U.S. military applications.
- [**Flow Aluminum Inc.**](#) in Albuquerque was awarded up to \$73,946 for two trainees at an average hourly wage of \$34 and two interns at an average wage of \$32. The company develops innovative aluminum-based battery technology for the energy storage industry.
- [**Gridworks Inc.**](#) in Albuquerque was awarded up to \$4,578 through Step Up for two employees. Gridworks is a solar utility company focused on advancing clean energy infrastructure and grid modernization.
- [**Little Toad Creek LLC**](#) in Deming was awarded up to \$85,346 for eight trainees at an average hourly wage of \$18. Little Toad Creek is a brewery and distillery, known for craft beers, spirits, and ready-to-drink cocktails.
- [**Nuckolls Brewing Company LLC**](#) in Angel Fire was awarded up to \$94,850 for six trainees at an average hourly wage of \$22. Nuckolls Brewing Co. is a sustainable brewpub in the historic Nuckolls Packing Co. building in Santa Fe's Railyard District with a second location in Lamy. The company is expanding into Angel Fire.
- [**UbiQD Inc.**](#) in Los Alamos was awarded up to \$161,194 for six trainees at an average hourly

wage of \$49. UbiQD is a quantum dot manufacturing and technology company, powering product innovation in agriculture, clean energy, and security.

For more information about the JTIP program, please visit www.edd.newmexico.gov/JTIP.

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AAA Cooper Transportation mainly operates in the southeastern and midwestern US, but also serves Puerto Rico and has expanded into Chicago, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Louisville, and Minneapolis. This is their first JTIP application. Photo courtesy of AAA Cooper Transportation.



From construction to production, sustainability is what Nuckolls Brewing is all about. The Santa Fe location consists of a 3.5-barrel brewhouse and three 3.5-barrel fermenters, along with an established restaurant. This is their first JTIP application. Photo courtesy of Nuckolls Brewing.

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providing a place for businesses to thrive. EDD's programs contribute directly to this mission by funding workforce training and providing infrastructure that supports business growth, helping every community create a thriving economy.

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