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Around Town: Newport foundation launches workforce development program

The Orange County Community Foundation, based in Newport Beach, recently launched the pilot phase of a new Workforce Development Initiative.

The program is designed to help graduating high school seniors enrolling in community college and for older youths and underemployed adults who may be hindered by poverty and lack of access to education and job training.

The foundation awarded a total of \$500,000 in grants with a focus on connecting community colleges, nonprofits and businesses in order to identify, support and ultimately place people in middle-skills jobs, primarily in healthcare, advanced manufacturing and information technology.

“This initiative will help individuals struggling to make ends meet to acquire in-demand technical acumen in continually evolving industries and prepare them for a strong and successful future,” Shelley Hoss, the foundation’s president and chief executive, said in a statement. “It will drive our community’s economic growth and fuel successful outcomes for next generations.”