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Capital Area Michigan Works! invests \$3 million into community partners, region's talent

Lansing, Mich. – Capital Area Michigan Works! is investing in regional talent by allocating more than \$3 million to community partners through Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act funding.

Clinton Task Force on Employment received a total of \$629,680 for adult programming, dislocated worker programming and youth programming. Clinton Task Force on Employment is a CAMW! employment agency in St. Johns.

Eaton Regional Education Service Agency received a total of \$771,714 for adult programming, dislocated worker programming and youth programming. Lansing School District received \$799,579 for youth programming. Eaton RESA and Lansing School District programs provide educational and employment services for eligible in-school and out-of-school youth ages 16-24 years old.

Peckham Inc. received a total of \$1,048,114 for adult and dislocated worker programming. Peckham Inc. is a nonprofit community rehabilitation organization that strives to provide opportunities to maximize human potential.

"The Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act allows us to provide our partners with the resources necessary to grow talent and employment opportunities in our region," said Edythe Hatter-Williams, Capital Area Michigan Works! CEO.

The Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act helps provide job seekers with employment, education, training and support services and match employers with the skilled employees needed to compete in the global economy. President Barack Obama signed WIOA into action in July 2014.

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Capital Area Michigan Works! is a network of resources that partners with businesses to develop recruiting and retention strategies and partners with job seekers to enhance education and career opportunities. <u>www.camw.org.</u>