



## **Broward Workforce Development Board (BWDB)**

### **SUPPORT**

*These are 2021 community partner legislative initiatives relating to workforce and economic development which the BWDB supports but is not actively advocating.*

#### **Broward County 2021 State Workforce Legislative Priorities:**

1. Policy proposals and funding for workforce development, apprenticeship, pre-apprenticeship, and internship programs provided by various organizations, including programs targeted at disadvantaged youth and re-entry.
2. Legislation to increase funding for economic development programs in low-income/high-poverty communities and create programs that would stimulate economic development within Broward County.

#### **Broward County Public School's 2021 State Legislative Priorities:**

1. Adequate funding for Post-Secondary Workforce Education.
2. Continued statewide funding for Career Technical Education Industry Certifications, which are attained by post-secondary students.
3. Continued expansion of apprenticeship programs.

#### **The Florida Public Technical College System 2021 Legislative Priorities:**

1. Continue to appropriate \$6.5 million to school district's workforce education programs for performance-based industry certifications earned by post-secondary students in the 2021-2022 school year.
2. Approve funding for Technical Colleges to open and expand new CTE instructional programs that are deemed high wage, high skill, and in high demand to meet regional and state employment needs.

#### **The United Way of Broward County 2021 Legislative Agenda:**

Capitalize on opportunities to enhance Florida workforce development activities and initiatives, such as supporting initiatives that advance the development of our local talent, along with funding for apprenticeships.

### **Regional Manufacturers Associations 2021 State Legislative Priorities:**

1. Establish a steady pipeline through apprenticeships that will contribute to the attraction of advanced manufacturing companies.
2. Increase investments in incumbent worker training initiatives at CareerSource Florida, which is essential to the development and maintenance of that workforce.
3. Strengthen economic development initiatives at the Department of Economic Opportunity, Enterprise Florida, Space Florida, and local economic development organizations that promote the development, retention, and expansion of the manufacturing economy in defense, aviation, aerospace, and life sciences.

### **Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association 2021 Legislative Priorities:**

Increased funding for VISIT FLORIDA to \$75M, as the tourism industry is the backbone of Florida's economy and increased funding is necessary to increase tourism and facilitate recovery from the pandemic's devastating impacts to this industry.

### **MONITOR**

*These are 2021 initiatives the BWDB will follow and may address if there is a direct impact on workforce development.*

### **Broward County 2021 State Legislative Program:**

1. Legislation that assists small and disadvantaged businesses through such capacity building components as access to banking and financing, insurance and bonding, business development, technical assistance trainings, workforce development and mentor-protégé programming.
2. Full use of the dedicated revenues provided by the Sadowski Affordable Housing Act for Florida's housing programs and projects and to look for any diversion of housing trust fund monies for purposes unrelated to the affordable housing needs of Floridians.

### **United Way of Broward County 2021 Legislative Agenda:**

Increased access to affordable housing by appropriating all Sadowski Housing Trust funds for their intended purpose.

### **Regional Manufacturers Associations in FL 2021 Legislative Priorities:**

1. Encourage and establish vocational education at the earliest possible grade levels, leading to career and technical education for the manufacturing workforce, and emphasizing the link between education with both today's jobs and those in the future.
  2. Engage students and parents early, exploring ways to provide exposure to robotics, automation, and computer programming to primary and secondary school students and build awareness and promote careers in advanced manufacturing as a high-wage, high-skill career pathway.
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