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**Hamilton County Awarded Nearly \$800,000 for Summer Work Program**

*Hundreds of job opportunities with top employers open to youth starting this summer*

Hamilton County has been awarded a grant from the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development to provide valuable job opportunities and training for more than 225 youth and young adults in our community. By forging partnerships with local businesses and the City of Chattanooga, the summer work program, which will be overseen by the Hamilton County Mayor's Office, seeks to equip young individuals with the skills and support needed for a successful future.

"Across the country, summer youth employment opportunities have proven effective in both preparing students with important career skills and contributing to crime reduction," said Hamilton County Mayor Weston Wamp. "In addition to dozens of work opportunities and paid internships across local government, we're grateful that several prominent local businesses have partnered with us to provide local youth with invaluable work and life lessons."

Hamilton County government will offer comprehensive job training and support throughout the duration of the employment term. Local employers are invited to participate in this year's program, Summer Success, which will begin on July 1st, and provide reimbursements to employers for compensation of youth up to 25 hours per week.

To sign up and become an employer partner in the program, please contact the Deputy Mayor of Education and Workforce Development, Tucker McClendon, at [TuckerM@HamiltonTN.gov](mailto:TuckerM@HamiltonTN.gov).

Parents and students can sign up for job placement by using this [link](#).

The Hamilton County Commission will vote to accept the grant on Wednesday, June 21st.

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