

GRANT APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

for businesses interested in participating in the
Summer Youth Employment Program
sponsored by Linn County Economic Development.

The program is geared toward assisting local business and industry with the initial cost of training entry-level positions. Taxing entities are not eligible.

Economic Development will reimburse the employer the first \$4.00/hour of a qualified entry-level employee's salary, for up to 30 hours per week, for a maximum of 10 weeks.

The Grant maximum is \$1200.00.

The business will agree to pay at least another \$4.00/hour for that period for a total of at least \$8.00 per hour.

The program has funding for a maximum of ten positions.

The Youth Summer Employment Program is designated for youth between the ages of 16 and 21. Youths must be residents of Linn County. The grant will be awarded mid- April and businesses must have the position filled by May 15. Processing occurs after 10 weeks of summer employment. Businesses must submit accumulated hours and hourly wage for employee by September 1 to receive funds.

Businesses interested in participating in the program should contact Jessica Hightower at jhightower@linncountyks.com for information and a grant application.

Grant awards will be on a competitive basis and will depend on number of requests received.

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 1, 2024