The Regionally Aligned Priorities in Delivering Skills (RAPIDS) program has been successful in providing grants to purchase equipment and training to aid in specific workforce development needs. Grants are awarded regionally to purchase equipment used by colleges, universities, occupational training centers, and business partners to deploy trained workers into existing and emerging jobs.

**State Investment**

$8 million

Regional allocation based on JobsOhio maps

**Business partners**

Over 136 statewide business partners in occupations with projected employment growth of 5-30% (software developers to machinists)

**Participating institutions**

14 Universities
22 Community Colleges
16 Ohio Tech Centers

**Focus areas**

- Advanced Manufacturing
- Cyber Security
- Healthcare
- Environmental Safety

**Student engagement**

Institutions provided a list of courses and programs where the equipment is used

Recruiting strategies

Collaboration between institutions with outreach to Ohio Technical Centers and secondary education