



Governor Lamont just [announced](#) \$8.3 million in funding for a series of technology and workforce initiatives that will bolster the long-term competitiveness of the state's manufacturing sector. The plan, which includes several new programs, is funded through the state's Manufacturing Innovation Fund (MIF).



The new initiatives, with a budget of \$3.7 million, include:

- Increased engineering internships for CT resident college students
- Matching grants for digital readiness and cybersecurity assessments
- Retaining an organization to facilitate matches between CT innovators and CT manufacturers
- An advertising campaign highlighting career opportunities in manufacturing
- A comprehensive manufacturing website
- Regional career fairs

The MIF advisory board also approved investments in ongoing industry programs, including the Incumbent Worker Training Program (\$1.5 million), Apprenticeship Program (\$1.0 million), and Manufacturing Voucher Program (\$2.1 million).

The programs once again demonstrate our commitment to the manufacturing industry, which remains an important part of the state's plan to grow the economy.

Sincerely,

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