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The City of Des Moines is pleased to announce the award of \$13,872 from the City's 2019 Human Services Budget to support ANEW.

ANEW was founded in 1980 by people dedicated to improving the access and advancement of women in non-traditional career pathways such as construction and manufacturing. ANEW continues to focus on equity and inclusion in the construction industry for both women and people of color. ANEW is the oldest, continuously running pre-apprenticeship program in the nation with a unique and successful reputation for training people to enter the construction industry.

ANEW partners with over 17 apprenticeship programs in the Puget Sound region. In addition to the apprenticeship programs, ANEW collaborates with public partners, other pre-apprenticeship programs and employers. Because of strong partners, clients successfully apply to and are accepted into apprenticeship programs. ANEW continues to offer retention services to clients for two years, resulting in increased retention for pre-apprenticeship graduates.

One of their recent students who now works as a Laborer for Shamrock Company quoted, "If it wasn't for ANEW and their program helping me get the supplies I need and set me up in order to be successful, I probably wouldn't be as far ahead as I am today. I am truly grateful."

If you have any questions about ANEW and their programming or wish to seek services, feel free to reach out to them directly at (206) 381-1384. You can also visit their website at www.anewaop.org

The City Council, staff and Human Services Committee remain dedicated to supporting local social service agencies and will continue to highlight these local agencies and how they serve the community throughout the year.

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