Since 2008, the Workforce Central Funders Collaborative has leveraged and invested $2.3 million to build the capacity of our local workforce and education systems to better meet the needs of residents seeking employment and businesses a skilled workforce.

Initial investments focused on:

• Industry engagement, capacity building and training in the manufacturing, healthcare and information technology industry sectors

• Training in basic education, digital literacy, and job search skills required by today’s employers

• Support to low-income training participants including childcare transportation and strong case management
Funders Collaborative members

- Incourage Community Foundation
- Corenso North America
- ERCO Worldwide (USA) Inc.
- Mariani Packing Co. Inc. (formerly Urban Processing LLC)
- NewPage Corporation
- North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board
- Ocean Spray Cranberries Inc.
- Ocean Spray Cranberries, Wisconsin Rapids Plant
- R. C. Charitable Foundation
- Riverview Health Care Foundation
- Solarus
- WoodTrust/Bell Family Charitable Foundation
- Alexander Charitable Foundation
- Paper City Savings Charitable Foundation
- Gerard & Doris Veneman Family Fund
- Daniel and Cheryl Urban Family
- 10 Incourage Community Foundation donor advised fund holders

Workforce Central has become a model for rural communities across the country and for the National Fund for Workforce Solutions, nfwsolutions.org. In 2010 Workforce Central became the first rural Social Innovation Fund sub-grantee through the National Fund and the Corporation for National and Community Service.

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