### **Smart Business Resource Center - Trinity**

# **Community Coordinator Report Trinity County**



## "North State Economic Forecast Conference"



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Kim Cobbler, Program Manager at Smart, Laurie Greig, Program Supervisor, Misty Bowman, Smart Senior Program Adviser, and Hiram Oilar, Smart Board Member, attended the 2016 North State Economic Forecast Conference on January 14 at Gold Country Event Center in Oroville, CA. Featured speaker, Dr. Robert Eyler, Director of the Center for Regional Economic Analysis at Sonoma State University, spoke encouragingly about awakening of the economy and paying attention to emerging trends. Shukla, of Larta Institute spoke about how he has helped create initiatives that expand entrepreneurship and promote commercialization and enhance competitiveness of regions across many parts of the globe. Keynote Speaker Prem Chand of Milestone Technologies, President and CEO, shared his story growing up and working on the family farm in Chico, CA. At a young age, he saw his family's farming business require constant innovation in order to survive. This sparked an early interest in business and organizational development. He went on to eventually create his own business, Milestone Technologies. Smart representatives attended breakout sessions in areas of interest for the North State including workforce development/STEM technologies, Rural Economic Development, Water Issues, Transportation, Manufacturing, Alternative Lending, and North State Tourism. The sessions offered important information on issues relevant to economic development and business expansion





#### **Businesses Served:**

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## **Business Services**



#### **Business Services this Quarter**

**Business Services: 175 Job Center Visits: 462** 

Worksite Trainings and Youth Work Experience: 16

**Drought Grant: 17** 

Smart is always looking for ways to help our clients get to work and help our local businesses grow. Through Worksite Training, Work Experience, and Internships, we are able to do that. We have helped people find jobs throughout the county and posted numerous jobs for employers. We don't always capture the results of all the people we provide assistance to. however, more and more people thank us and let us share in the joy when they are hired. Here are the statistics for this quarter, for the Smart Center in Trinity County:









## **Smart Client Success Stories**

### Gavin

Gavin is 19 years old and currently enrolled in our Adult program; he came to us through the Drought Grant and then made the decision to enroll in our program in order to help him with his career pathway. Currently he is working at Trinity County Resource Conservation District as a drought participant working on fuel reduction projects. He is very passionate about making a career for himself in Law Enforcement or working with the Forest Service. In order to take a step toward this goal, he has since applied for the Forest Service Youth Pathways program and enrolled as a volunteer with the Forest Service in order to participate in ride-a-longs with different divisions to see what area he wants to pursue. Gavin is very motivated and has a bright future ahead of him.

### **Tristan**

Tristan is a 19 year old, in school youth scheduled to graduate this year and is already jump starting his professional career. He is enrolled in independent study, in order to attend the Shasta-Trinity ROP Program for Auto Mechanics. Tristan is interested in a career as a Fire Fighter, with Caltrans or heavy equipment operation. More recently, he just had his first interview and has been offered a temporary position with Caltrans through the Drought Grant. He is hoping this will provide an opportunity with a foot in the door to prove himself, in order to long term receive a permanent position with Caltrans. In addition, Tristan plans to meet with Weaverville Fire District in hopes of becoming a volunteer and attending their fire academy. Tristan's motivation and drive will take him far in his career.





## **Federal Drought Grant-Trinity County**



In July 2015 Smart received funding to help assist with drought related projects within Shasta and Trinity Counties. Smart has partnered with local businesses to pay for wages for temporary job placement to those that have been affected by the drought and recently unemployed. Here are a few of the projects currently in place:

# Watershed Research and Training Center of Hayfork:

Crew have been working on multiple projects. These include monitoring, GIS mapping, data collection of vegetation cover and composition, timber marking, prescribed fire efforts, and fire fuel reduction efforts. Hayfork Watershed has hired 9 temporary employees thru the Federal Drought Grant.

#### **Caltrans:**

In March, Caltrans requested four participants to assist with the removal of dead and dying trees and brush along highway 299. Clearing waterways, soil erosion and reducing sediment are on the list of tasks to complete during the length of the project, as well as, installing river rock and shrubs in dry scape areas. These projects will reduce fire danger in Trinity County, redirect water flow to make the highway safer and make highway 299 more esthetically pleasing. We currently have two participants scheduled to begin in April and are actively recruiting for the remaining positions.

#### **Lewiston Park Mutual Water Company:**

Lewiston Park Mutual Water Company is a non-profit organization that received a grant to replace water meters in the Lewiston sub-division. They will be utilizing are drought grant to temporarily employee two participants to assist with the labor and installation required to complete this project. New water meters will encourage water conservation, allow tenants to view their water usage on a daily basis and identify any leaks in the distribution center. Two of our youth will begin on this project in April to assist them, as well as gain work experience for the first time.

#### **TCRCD**

Trinity RCD has been working on right-away fuel reduction projects spanning 10 acres of public land. Projects include: Cal Trans right-of-way fuel reduction, Trinity County Road Department right-of-way fuel reduction, and Trinity Public Utility District right-of-way fuel reduction. Two of our youth clients joined the Trinity RCD crew after completing their Work Experience. This is adding new skills to their resume and experiences. Trinity RCD has employed 6 temporary employees thru the Federal Drought Grant.

# Bowerman Cemetery Thinning TCRCD "Drought Crew"









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The Smart Business Resource Center provides workforce services in Shasta and Trinity Counties. We are a private, non-profit, public benefit corporation and receive funding from the U.S. Dept. of Labor and the State of CA. Our mission is to invest in the growth and development of business to provide opportunities for all job seekers. Smart puts people to work and we believe in a healthy business community. We are dedicated to strengthening and supporting Trinity County business in order to create jobs and encourage economic prosperity. We help assist business with startup, expansion & retention by providing access to skilled employees and training.

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