



## UNITE HERE Local 75

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### UNITE HERE Local 75 receives Skills Development Fund from the Government of Ontario

Government of Ontario partners with UNITE HERE Local 75 to address challenges to hiring, training, and retraining hospitality workers.

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UNITE HERE Local 75 and the Ontario Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development have partnered under the Skills Development Fund (SDF) to address the challenges faced by hospitality workers in getting hired in addition to training and retraining workers with skills needed for the future.

The Ontario Government will provide \$1.5 Million to UNITE HERE Local 75 for a year under this program. UNITE HERE is a union that represents workers in hotels, restaurants, racetracks, casinos, and foodservice companies.

#### Statement from Guled Warsame, President UNITE HERE Local 75

"We want to thank Minister McNaughton for their continued support in helping our members recover from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. With this additional support, we will build on our experience operating the Virtual Action Center over the last two years to engage and support workers' transition to new jobs and career pathways.

Our goal now is to ensure that the hospitality industry recovers to pre-pandemic levels with a vibrant, resilient, and talented workforce. I look forward to working with the provincial government to continue providing all possible support to our workers and industry."

*"Ontario's hospitality sector is on the comeback, but there are not enough workers to keep up with increasing demand," said Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development. "By supporting innovative training projects like this one at Local 75, which train people to match the needs of local employers, our government is connecting people to rewarding jobs in the community and growing the economy for everyone."*

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Guled Warsame".

Guled Warsame,  
President  
UNITE HERE Local 75

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