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## **Catania Oils Awarded Largest Workforce Training Grant from Baker-Polito Administration**

*Catania Oils received \$229,170 to train 56 workers and create 10 additional jobs by 2019*

**AYER, MA...**Catania Oils, a leading provider of conventional, non-GMO and organic oils to the ingredients, foodservice and retail markets, has received the largest grant under the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' \$7.9 million-dollar Workforce Training Fund. The Workforce Training Fund offers grants to Massachusetts companies (up to \$250,000), to assist with job creation and enhancing employee skills and productivity over a two-year period.

Catania Oils, processors and packers of vegetable, olive and blended oils with roots dating back to 1900, employs 140 workers and their tenured history highlights that employee retention and growth are a critical aspect of their company culture.

"We're thrilled to receive this award from the Workforce Training Fund," said Joseph Basile, President of Catania Oils. "Since our great grandfather started selling olive oil door-to-door, each generation has made its mark growing our company. Having support from the Baker-Polito Administration to train new and existing employees enables us to accelerate our company's growth."

[Grants from the Workforce Training Fund](#) were distributed to 111 companies in Massachusetts and will increase pay for workers through skill enhancement and create new positions and healthy competition among business. All grants awarded through this program are required to be matched, dollar-for-dollar, by the recipients.

### **ABOUT CATANIA OILS**

Catania Oils is a privately-held fourth generation family business that expanded from its modest roots in the early 1900's to a multi-million-dollar supplier of quality oils for bulk, retail, food service and private label customers. The 250,000 square-foot operation located in Ayer, Massachusetts is one of the largest indoor bulk oil processing facilities in the country and combines the latest automation technology with efficient processes and warehouse space to ensure a good price for the high-quality oils it produces. The company's tagline, *Authenticity in Every Drop*, is supported by an in-house laboratory that tests the purity of each shipment. For more information visit [www.cataniaoils.com](http://www.cataniaoils.com)

### **ABOUT THE WORKFORCE TRAINING FUND**

The Workforce Training Fund is a program of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development and is administered by Commonwealth Corporation, a quasi-public state agency that fosters partnerships between industry, education, and workforce organizations.

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