

DATE: November 4, 2025

TO: Full Board/Executive Committee

FROM: Maureen Nelson, Administrator

RE: Employment and Training Pathways Program Grant – PY 25-26

BACKGROUND

On October 29, 2025, the Employment Development Department (EDD), in coordination with the Labor and Workforce Development Agency, released Workforce Services Information Notice WSIN25-09 to announce the availability of up to \$16.3 million in *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act* (WIOA) Title I Governor's discretionary funds, made available through the Employment and Training Pathways Program (ETPP) for Program 2025-26 (PY 25-26) Solicitation for Proposals (SFP).

The ETPP is a strategic initiative designed to expand access to high-quality, career-connected learning opportunities for Californians who face systemic barriers to employment. Building on the lessons learned from prior investments, leveraging other state investments, aligning with the Governor's priorities, and informed by stakeholder feedback, the ETPP aims to train and place individuals in jobs and career pathways leading to family self-sufficiency, and strengthen regional workforce ecosystems through targeted investments and collaboration in education, training, and supportive services.

These programs will serve four of California's most vulnerable populations: English Language Learners (ELLs); justice-involved individuals; opportunity young adults (OYA) who are not working, working in low-wage occupations, pattern of intermittent employment, or not in school; and veterans helping them achieve economic self-sufficiency and life stability.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants include Local Workforce Development Areas (Local Areas) or boards, adult/education and training providers, community colleges, private non-profit organizations, tribal organizations, faith-based organizations, public agencies (local governments, and CBOs are eligible to apply. Individuals are not eligible to apply. Individuals are not eligible to apply.

DEADLINES AND IMPORTANT DATES

- **Proposal Submission:** Proposals must be received by 3 p.m. PT on December 8, 2025.
- Informational Webinar: An informational webinar will be held on November 13, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. PT. Attendees must <u>preregister</u> by 1 p.m. PT on November 13, 2025.
- **Notice of Intent to Apply:** The EDD encourages applicants to submit a Notice of Intent to Apply by email to wsbsfp3.edd.ca.gov by 12 p.m. PT on November 20, 2025.

To view this SFP, visit the <u>EDD Workforce Development SFP</u> webpage.

For any questions, please contact Tamia Brown, Executive Director at 925-655-3808 or email tbrown1@ehsd.cccounty.us