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FROM: Gary Adams, Dean of Adult Education, Apprenticeship and Contract Education, California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office

RE: Request for Application Release – English Language Learner Healthcare Pathways Grant: Round Three

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, in partnership with the California Department of Education, announces the release of the Request for Application (RFA) solicitation for English Language Learner Healthcare Pathways Grant: Round Three. This initiative solicits proposals from California Adult Education Program Consortia to establish Centers for Innovation and Impact in Health Careers. Efforts funded through this initiative are intended to *supplement* and align with California's broader adult education and workforce development systems, as well as the Governor's Master Plan for Career Education.

Under the Governor's Care Economy Workforce Development Package, the Budget Act of 2022-23 included a one-time appropriation of Proposition 98 funds to be distributed over three rounds to support the development of limited-term, healthcare-focused, accelerated vocational pathways for English Language Learners across all levels of English proficiency through the California Adult Education Program (CAEP).

To adhere to the Legislature's intent and maximize program outcomes, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, the California Department of Education, the Labor and Workforce Development Agency, and the California Health and Human Services Agency formed an interagency workgroup to jointly develop a data-driven approach to guide the release and investment of these funds.

Through development of accelerated learning models and the creation of Centers for Innovation and Impact in Health Careers, funded projects will design and implement strategies to prepare adult learners for success in high-demand healthcare occupations, strengthen regional workforce pipelines, and contribute to a more inclusive and resilient healthcare system.

Application Information

The ELL Healthcare Pathways Grant Round Three RFA is available online and may be accessed at the Chancellor's Office [website](#). CAEP consortia with intent to apply must submit an application, including a Letter of Intent to Participate, project workplan, budget estimate, and budget narrative, on behalf of the consortium and participating members via the Chancellor's Office [NOVA](#) system by **5 p.m., Wednesday, March 18, 2026**.

Bidder's Conference Webinar

A Bidder's Conference Webinar will be held to provide an overview of the project submission process on **Thursday, Jan. 15, 2026, from 10-11 a.m.** Interested parties can register for the event at: https://cccco.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_v-M9JbURRhCTYMkRrO0G8A.

Questions

Written questions concerning the specifications in the Request for Applications must be submitted via email to CAEP@CCCCO.edu by **5 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 22, 2026**.

cc: Anthony Cordova, Vice Chancellor of Workforce and Economic Development, California
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