



TO: Chief Executive Officers
Chief Instructional Officers
Chief Business Officers
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FROM: Anthony Cordova, Vice Chancellor of Workforce and Economic Development

RE: Perkins V FY 2026-27 Local Application and Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment Guidance

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to outline updates to the Perkins V Local Application and Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment (CLNA) process for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026–27. The Chancellor’s Office Perkins Program has implemented these updates to promote equitable student outcomes, strengthen California’s postsecondary Core Indicators of Performance, and align with [federal guidance](#) from the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE), as well as the California Community Colleges [Vision 2030 goals](#).

The FY 2026–27 Perkins Local Application—including each district’s CLNA—must be certified and submitted in the NOVA system by the Chief Business Officer or designee **no later than May 29, 2026**. Applications will be reviewed by [Chancellor’s Office Regional Monitors](#) and must receive substantial approval by **July 1, 2026**.

Background

The *Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act* (Perkins V) was signed into law on July 31, 2018, and became effective July 1, 2019. Perkins V reauthorized and updated the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 to ensure career and technical education (CTE) programs respond to the evolving needs of the 21st-century economy.

The Perkins V Local Application consists of the following components:

- A Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment (CLNA)
- A narrative describing local uses of funds
- A detailed budget proposal
- Performance targets aligned with State-Determined Levels of Performance (SDLPs)

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Equity is a foundational element of Perkins V. Community college districts are encouraged to design and enhance programs of study that support student success across all populations and work intentionally to eliminate achievement gaps.

Headcount and District Allocations

For FY 2026–27, Perkins V funding allocations are based on FY 2024–25 unduplicated headcounts of economically disadvantaged students enrolled in CTE programs. Allocation table per district is attached and available in the NOVA system to support local planning and application development.

Headcount certification Reports 1 and 2 for FY 2024–25 are available on [Perkins program webpage](#).

Accountability: Core Indicators of Performance

Accountability and continuous improvement remain central to Perkins V. Districts are required to either accept the state-determined performance targets or negotiate modified targets with their assigned Chancellor’s Office Regional Monitor.

When negotiating targets, districts are encouraged to reference actual performance data from the prior three years. For planning purposes, the FY 2026–27 Core Indicator Reports are available on the MIS Datamart website.

Updated CTE Program Investment Criteria

For FY 2026–27, CTE programs must meet at least two of the following three criteria to qualify for Perkins V investment:

High-Skill

Defined as a program of study offered through a California Community College career education program.

High-Wage

- Defined as an occupation with median wages at or above the median wage for the college’s assigned region.
- Regional wage medians are calculated using the median of median wages across all occupations with available data.
- Exceptions may be granted if program earnings outcomes exceed the regional average by at least 10 percent, as demonstrated through Strong Workforce Program data.

In-Demand

- Defined as an occupation that:
- Shows projected job growth from 2022–27 within the region, and
- Meets or exceeds the regional median annual job openings.

Occupational wage and projection data are provided by the Statewide Center of Excellence using [labor market information](#).

Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment (CLNA)

Perkins V Section 134(c)(2) requires eligible recipients to complete a CLNA to receive funding. Community college districts must conduct and submit a CLNA with their FY 2026–27 Local Application. Each of California’s 72 community college districts is responsible for ensuring CLNAs are completed for all colleges within the district. A CLNA guidance document is available on the Chancellor’s Office [Perkins V website](#).

Programs of Study

Under Perkins V, colleges must offer coordinated sequences of academic and CTE coursework that lead to postsecondary degrees, certificates, or industry recognized credentials.

Colleges are required to use CLNA findings to strengthen programs of study, improve access, and increase participation among diverse and underserved student populations. Programs of study should align with institutional career pathway initiatives and avoid duplication of existing efforts.

Budget

FY 2026–27 Perkins budgets must be developed based on the most recent CLNA findings and updated CTE investment criteria.

- Budget revisions exceeding **10%** of a district’s total allocation require approval from the Chancellor’s Office Regional Monitor.
- Equipment and capital outlay expenditures must be reasonable, project-aligned, and compliant with federal regulations (2 CFR §200.439).
- All purchases must follow local procurement policies and receive prior approval when required.

Table 1: Upcoming Reporting Deadlines

Quarterly Reporting	
April 15, 2026	Quarter 3 Fiscal Report Due for FY 2025-26
May 29, 2026	Deadline to submit FY 2026-27 Perkins Local Application and CLNAs into NOVA
July 1, 2026	Perkins FY 2026-27 Title I-C grants become effective
July 15, 2026	Quarter 4 Fiscal Report Due for FY 2025-26
Sept. 30, 2026	Final Fiscal Report Due for FY 2025-26 *
Oct. 15, 2026	Quarter 1 Fiscal Report Due for FY 2026-27

**Must be submitted before FY 2026-27 Quarter 1 report will be made available to complete.*

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Contacts

Please contact your Chancellor's Office Regional Monitor for specific technical assistance questions: [Regional Assignments by Monitor](#). For technical issues related to NOVA, please submit a [Help Desk ticket](#).

Resources

The following resources may be referred to when preparing for the FY 2026-27 Perkins local application:

[Core Indicator Reports](#)

[Data Mart \(MIS\)](#)

[Student Vocational and Technical Education Act \(VTEA\) Data Elements](#)

[Perkins V Act](#)

[Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards](#)

(External) [The Administrator's Handbook on EDGAR – 6th Edition](#), PLLC, [Attorneys at Law](#)

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**Table 2: Perkins Title I-C Section 132
 Allocation to Districts. July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027**

Count	Contract Name	Grant-ID	Headcount**	FY 2026-27 Allocation
1	Allan Hancock Joint Community College District	26-C01-610	5,258	\$518,474
2	Antelope Valley Community College District	26-C01-620	8,402	\$828,494
3	Barstow Community College District	26-C01-910	1,595	\$157,278
4	Butte-Glenn Community College District	26-C01-110	5,407	\$533,167
5	Cabrillo Community College District	26-C01-410	3,330	\$328,361
6	Cerritos Community College District	26-C01-810	9,599	\$946,526
7	Chabot-Las Positas Community College District	26-C01-480	11,846	\$1,168,096
8	Chaffey Community College District	26-C01-920	10,948	\$1,079,547
9	Citrus Community College District	26-C01-820	4,409	\$434,757
10	Coast Community College District	26-C01-830	14,983	\$1,477,425
11	Compton Community College District	26-C01-710	1,654	\$163,096
12	Contra Costa Community College District	26-C01-310	16,141	\$1,591,612
13	Copper Mountain Community College District	26-C01-970	765	\$75,434
14	Desert Community College District	26-C01-930	7,170	\$707,010

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15	El Camino Community College District	26-C01-720	9,566	\$943,272
16	Feather River Community College District	26-C01-120	1,397	\$137,754
17	Foothill-De Anza Community College District	26-C01-420	13,184	\$1,300,032
18	Gavilan Community College District	26-C01-440	1,845	\$181,929
19	Glendale Community College District	26-C01-730	6,380	\$629,111
20	Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District	26-C01-020	6,844	\$674,865
21	Hartnell Community College District	26-C01-450	4,267	\$420,755
22	Imperial Community College District	26-C01-030	4,692	\$462,663
23	Kern Community College District	26-C01-520	21,153	\$2,085,829
24	Lake Tahoe Community College District	26-C01-220	855	\$84,309
25	Lassen Community College District	26-C01-130	486	\$47,923
26	Long Beach Community College District	26-C01-840	13,278	\$1,309,301
27	Los Angeles Community College District	26-C01-740	58,006	\$5,719,784
28	Los Rios Community College District	26-C01-230	38,973	\$3,843,001
29	Marin Community College District	26-C01-330	1,128	\$111,228

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30	Mendocino-Lake Community College District	26-C01-140	1,792	\$176,703
31	Merced Community College District	26-C01-530	7,436	\$733,240
32	Mira Costa Community College District	26-C01-050	4,432	\$437,025
33	Monterey Peninsula Community College District	26-C01-460	1,922	\$189,522
34	Mt. San Antonio Community College District	26-C01-850	15,705	\$1,548,619
35	Mt. San Jacinto Community College District	26-C01-940	7,417	\$731,366
36	Napa Valley Community College District	26-C01-240	1,561	\$153,925
37	North Orange County Community College District	26-C01-860	22,902	\$2,258,292
38	Ohlone Community College District	26-C01-430	1,679	\$165,561
39	Palo Verde Community College District	26-C01-950	1,255	\$123,751
40	Palomar Community College District	26-C01-060	6,918	\$682,162
41	Pasadena Area Community College District	26-C01-770	12,914	\$1,273,408
42	Peralta Community College District	26-C01-340	11,552	\$1,139,105
43	Rancho Santiago Community College District	26-C01-870	14,147	\$1,394,990
44	Redwoods Community College District	26-C01-160	2,306	\$227,387

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45	Rio Hondo Community College District	26-C01-880	7,743	\$763,512
46	Riverside Community College District	26-C01-960	18,701	\$1,844,045
47	San Bernardino Community College District	26-C01-980	7,017	\$691,924
48	San Diego Community College District	26-C01-070	24,679	\$2,433,516
49	San Francisco Community College District	26-C01-360	7,326	\$722,393
50	San Joaquin Delta Community College District	26-C01-550	9,039	\$891,307
51	San Jose-Evergreen Community College District	26-C01-470	5,851	\$576,948
52	San Luis Obispo County Community College District	26-C01-640	3,357	\$331,023
53	San Mateo County Community College District	26-C01-370	5,626	\$554,762
54	Santa Barbara Community College District	26-C01-650	6,783	\$668,850
55	Santa Clarita Community College District	26-C01-660	5,633	\$555,452
56	Santa Monica Community College District	26-C01-780	11,460	\$1,130,034
57	Sequoias Community College District	26-C01-560	6,611	\$651,889
58	Shasta-Tehama-Trinity Joint Community College District	26-C01-170	4,430	\$436,828
59	Sierra Joint Community College District	26-C01-270	7,971	\$785,995

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60	Siskiyou Joint Community College District	26-C01-180	834	\$82,238
61	Solano County Community College District	26-C01-280	5,272	\$519,855
62	Sonoma County Jr. Coll. District	26-C01-260	7,128	\$702,869
63	South Orange County Community College District	26-C01-890	14,403	\$1,420,233
64	Southwestern Community College District	26-C01-090	10,450	\$1,030,441
65	State Center Community College District	26-C01-570	24,986	\$2,463,789
66	Ventura County Community College District	26-C01-680	12,768	\$1,259,011
67	Victor Valley Community College District	26-C01-990	7,889	\$777,909
68	West Hills Community College District	26-C01-580	3,898	\$384,369
69	West Kern Community College District	26-C01-690	1,402	\$138,247
70	West Valley-Mission Community College District	26-C01-490	5,568	\$549,042
71	Yosemite Community College District	26-C01-590	9,999	\$985,969
72	Yuba Community College District	26-C01-290	3,773	\$372,043
Total Budget:			638,096	\$62,920,582

***Based on 2024-25 unduplicated counts of students enrolled in CTE programs who met the economically disadvantaged criteria. (Summer 2024, Fall 2024, Winter 2025, and Spring 2025).*