

**TO:** Chief Executive Officers  
Chief Instructional Officers  
Chief Business Officers  
Career Technical Education Deans  
Regional Consortia Chairs

**FROM:** Anthony Cordova, Vice Chancellor of Workforce and Economic Development

**RE:** Strong Workforce Program Fiscal Year 2026–27 Allocation Funding

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The Strong Workforce Program (SWP) supports the development of high-quality career education pathways that respond to regional workforce needs and improve student employment outcomes. Consistent with Education Code Part 54.5, SWP investments should strengthen workforce alignment, support regional economic vitality, expand employer engagement, and increase access to careers leading to living wages and economic mobility. Colleges and regional consortia should ensure SWP-funded activities contribute to measurable student and workforce outcomes.

The purpose of this memorandum is to announce the Strong Workforce Program funding for 2026–27 and to provide SWP planning and reporting timelines. The Chancellor’s Office is required in [Education Code Section 88825](#) to provide to the Department of Finance and the Legislative Analyst’s Office its recommendations for the allocation of funds available for each consortium no later than August 30 of each year.

### **2026–27 Funding Allocations per Budget Act of 2024 (SB 108)**

The Budget Act of 2024 ([Senate Bill 108](#)) outlined the funding to be made available for the Strong Workforce Program 2026–27 as follows:

- **\$290,400,000** shall be available to support the Strong Workforce Program pursuant to Part 54.5 (commencing with [Section 88820](#)) of Division 7 of Title 3 of the Education Code.
- Of this amount, **\$60,000,000** shall be available to support the Rebuilding Nursing Infrastructure Grant Program.

### **2026–27 SWP Funding Allocation Breakdown**

A total of **\$218,880,000** will be distributed for local and regional share funding allocations. The 2026–27 allocation funding will be distributed during the [Advance Apportionment \(AD\)](#) payment cycle.

- **\$109,440,000** 2026–27 Base Local Share Distribution (60%)
- **\$72,960,000** 2026–27 Base Regional Share Distribution (40%)

- **\$21,888,000** 2026–27 17% Local Share Distribution
- **\$14,592,000** 2026–27 17% Regional Share Distribution

### 2026–27 Funding Formula

For FY 2026–27, the allocations incorporated:

- Annual unemployment data for 2025 calendar year. Source: EDD/LMID.
- CE FTES for 2024–25 program year. Source: CCCCCO Datamart
- Annual job growth projected to 2027. Source: Lightcast, Datarun: 2026.2 – QCEW Employees, Non-QCEW Employees, and Self-Employed

The local and regional base allocations are derived from a formula that incorporates career education FTES, unemployment conditions, and projected job growth. A portion of SWP funding is distributed through the 17 percent incentive allocation. These funds are intended to recognize district and regional performance on workforce and student success outcomes established through statewide accountability measures.

### 2026–27 Program Planning and Reporting

SWP spending plans for 2026–27 must be submitted and certified in [NOVA](#) by no later than **5 p.m.** on **Oct. 30, 2026**. Please ensure that your local and regional plan approval processes are completed by the above deadline. Districts and regions will have 24 months to expend 2026–27 allocation funding and are expected to report their expenditures for the 2026–27 allocation on the following dates:

| Reporting Deadline | Reporting Type             | Activity Period              |
|--------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Feb. 15, 2027      | Q2 Fiscal and Programmatic | July 1, 2026 – Dec. 31, 2026 |
| Aug. 15, 2027      | Q4 Fiscal and Programmatic | Jan. 1, 2027 – June 30, 2027 |
| Feb. 15, 2028      | Q2 Fiscal and Programmatic | July 1, 2027 – Dec. 31, 2027 |
| Aug. 15, 2028      | Q4 Fiscal and Programmatic | Jan. 1, 2028 – June 30, 2028 |
| Sept. 15, 2028     | Final Report               | July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2028 |

**Extensions beyond the 24-month expenditure timeframe will not be considered.** Any unspent funds remaining after final reporting will be subject to return to the Chancellor’s Office.

### Project Plan Requirements

As a condition of receiving Strong Workforce Program funds, colleges and regional consortia should ensure proposed activities are aligned with regional workforce priorities, labor market demand, and consortium planning processes. Regional projects should demonstrate

collaboration among colleges, industry, workforce-development partners, K–12 education, and other stakeholders.

In addition, SWP project plans should demonstrate alignment with documented labor market demand, regional workforce priorities, and employer engagement activities. Plans should clearly explain how proposed investments support high-demand, high-wage, or high-growth occupations within the region and how activities will contribute to improved student and workforce outcomes.

Project plans should identify measurable objectives, describe expected outcomes, and include strategies for continuous improvement informed by local and regional performance data.

Guidance for project plan requirements are outlined in the [Project Plan Development Workshop presentation](#).

### **Expanded Uses of Strong Workforce Program**

As outlined in [memo 23-023 sent on Sept. 22, 2023](#), the 2023-24 enacted State budget included expanded uses for SWP funding as outlined in [Education Code Section 88825](#). SWP funds apportioned directly to a community college district may be used for all of the following:

- i.** Providing funds for student grants to cover fees for third-party certification and licensing\*.
  - a.** \*The intent of the Chancellor’s Office is not to impact a student’s financial aid award. Therefore, our guidance is for colleges to procure vouchers for third-party certification or licensing fees as instructional supplies or materials and maintain records of students who receive these vouchers. Procurement of third-party certification or license fee vouchers should be associated with enrollment in a capstone course for a student completing a certificate and or degree in a Career Education pathway.
- ii.** Enhancing student services to support retention, work experience, and job placement.
- iii.** Providing students with an integrated educational program that connects academic curricula to applied and experiential learning in the workplace, including, but not limited to, work-based learning programs and models.

### **Strong Workforce Program Work-based Learning (WBL) Opportunities**

Under [AB 323](#), colleges may use SWP funds to provide direct financial support for paid WBL experiences, including apprenticeships, internships, externships, and student-run enterprises. These opportunities are intended to improve employability and employment outcomes for students enrolled in SWP programs. Colleges are encouraged to design WBL programs that align with regional labor market needs and to prioritize equitable access for underrepresented and economically disadvantaged students.

Allowable uses of SWP funds include compensating students for participation in WBL, offsetting employer costs associated with hosting students in paid roles, and supporting program infrastructure necessary to facilitate WBL, such as coordination and compliance monitoring. All

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expenditures must comply with SWP fiscal guidelines and relevant Education Code provisions. Colleges must also ensure adherence to applicable labor laws, wage and hour regulations, and institutional risk management policies.

### **2026–27 Allocation Tables**

The appendices following the memo include the local and regional base allocations for 2026–27.

**Appendix A** – SWP Local Allocations

**Appendix B** – SWP Regional Allocations

**Appendix C** – SWP Local 17% Incentive Funding Allocations Breakdown by College

### **Contacts**

For questions regarding the allocations, please send an email to the Strong Workforce Program Helpdesk at [StrongWorkforceHelpDesk@CCCCO.edu](mailto:StrongWorkforceHelpDesk@CCCCO.edu).

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**Appendix A: 2026–27 SWP Local Allocations**

| Region               | District            | Base Allocation | 17% Incentive | Total Allocation |
|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|
| South Central Coast  | Allan Hancock Joint | \$941,172       | \$171,077     | \$1,112,249      |
| South Central Coast  | Antelope Valley     | \$1,492,884     | \$195,288     | \$1,688,172      |
| Inland Empire Desert | Barstow             | \$205,466       | \$51,852      | \$257,318        |
| North Far North      | Butte-Glenn         | \$2,163,359     | \$204,696     | \$2,368,055      |
| Bay Area             | Cabrillo            | \$846,035       | \$128,077     | \$974,112        |
| Los Angeles          | Cerritos            | \$1,023,143     | \$375,293     | \$1,398,436      |
| Bay Area             | Chabot-Las Positas  | \$1,373,568     | \$344,955     | \$1,718,523      |
| Inland Empire Desert | Chaffey             | \$2,116,082     | \$296,990     | \$2,413,072      |
| Los Angeles          | Citrus              | \$477,901       | \$154,112     | \$632,013        |
| Orange County        | Coast               | \$1,989,503     | \$515,393     | \$2,504,896      |
| Los Angeles          | Compton             | \$411,384       | \$55,800      | \$467,184        |
| Bay Area             | Contra Costa        | \$2,375,925     | \$457,846     | \$2,833,771      |
| Inland Empire Desert | Copper Mountain     | \$134,660       | \$35,146      | \$169,806        |
| Inland Empire Desert | Desert              | \$1,255,438     | \$184,730     | \$1,440,168      |
| Los Angeles          | El Camino           | \$1,190,340     | \$263,935     | \$1,454,275      |
| North Far North      | Feather River       | \$279,265       | \$53,825      | \$333,090        |
| Bay Area             | Foothill-De Anza    | \$1,735,535     | \$522,160     | \$2,257,695      |
| Bay Area             | Gavilan Joint       | \$620,153       | \$154,184     | \$774,337        |
| Los Angeles          | Glendale            | \$591,913       | \$160,744     | \$752,657        |
| San Diego Imperial   | Grossmont-Cuyamaca  | \$1,221,964     | \$232,428     | \$1,454,392      |
| Bay Area             | Hartnell            | \$913,460       | \$152,418     | \$1,065,878      |
| San Diego Imperial   | Imperial            | \$1,023,715     | \$124,277     | \$1,147,992      |

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| Region                     | District            | Base Allocation | 17% Incentive | Total Allocation |
|----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|
| Central Valley Mother Lode | Kern                | \$3,546,408     | \$645,212     | \$4,191,620      |
| North Far North            | Lake Tahoe          | \$198,807       | \$124,632     | \$323,439        |
| North Far North            | Lassen              | \$233,623       | \$86,356      | \$319,979        |
| Los Angeles                | Long Beach          | \$1,156,454     | \$329,164     | \$1,485,618      |
| Los Angeles                | Los Angeles         | \$8,379,996     | \$1,923,203   | \$10,303,199     |
| North Far North            | Los Rios            | \$6,265,583     | \$1,250,098   | \$7,515,681      |
| Bay Area                   | Marin               | \$368,975       | \$53,065      | \$422,040        |
| North Far North            | Mendocino-Lake      | \$876,522       | \$70,490      | \$947,012        |
| Central Valley Mother Lode | Merced              | \$1,134,952     | \$224,786     | \$1,359,738      |
| San Diego Imperial         | MiraCosta           | \$854,732       | \$169,414     | \$1,024,146      |
| Bay Area                   | Monterey Peninsula  | \$610,344       | \$132,697     | \$743,041        |
| Los Angeles                | Mt. San Antonio     | \$1,742,009     | \$470,571     | \$2,212,580      |
| Inland Empire Desert       | Mt. San Jacinto     | \$2,050,519     | \$210,153     | \$2,260,672      |
| Bay Area                   | Napa Valley         | \$276,919       | \$63,014      | \$339,933        |
| Orange County              | North Orange County | \$2,742,249     | \$552,290     | \$3,294,539      |
| Bay Area                   | Ohlone              | \$553,627       | \$135,754     | \$689,381        |
| Inland Empire Desert       | Palo Verde          | \$211,695       | \$67,409      | \$279,104        |
| San Diego Imperial         | Palomar             | \$1,827,877     | \$264,819     | \$2,092,696      |
| Los Angeles                | Pasadena Area       | \$970,618       | \$365,339     | \$1,335,957      |
| Bay Area                   | Peralta             | \$1,533,099     | \$337,248     | \$1,870,347      |
| Orange County              | Rancho Santiago     | \$2,197,434     | \$741,354     | \$2,938,788      |
| North Far North            | Redwoods            | \$1,099,445     | \$87,935      | \$1,187,380      |
| Los Angeles                | Rio Hondo           | \$862,735       | \$341,597     | \$1,204,332      |

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|
| Inland Empire Desert       | Riverside                   | \$3,044,622     | \$657,570     | \$3,702,192      |
| Inland Empire Desert       | San Bernardino              | \$1,847,255     | \$299,610     | \$2,146,865      |
| San Diego Imperial         | San Diego                   | \$3,551,370     | \$871,957     | \$4,423,327      |
| Bay Area                   | San Francisco               | \$1,598,753     | \$370,062     | \$1,968,815      |
| Central Valley Mother Lode | San Joaquin Delta           | \$2,294,821     | \$284,746     | \$2,579,567      |
| Bay Area                   | San Jose-Evergreen          | \$1,958,389     | \$211,655     | \$2,170,044      |
| South Central Coast        | San Luis Obispo County      | \$930,162       | \$154,603     | \$1,084,765      |
| Bay Area                   | San Mateo County            | \$2,077,143     | \$283,658     | \$2,360,801      |
| South Central Coast        | Santa Barbara               | \$970,808       | \$227,655     | \$1,198,463      |
| South Central Coast        | Santa Clarita               | \$1,288,994     | \$429,006     | \$1,718,000      |
| Los Angeles                | Santa Monica                | \$746,529       | \$323,985     | \$1,070,514      |
| Central Valley Mother Lode | Sequoias                    | \$1,379,564     | \$217,647     | \$1,597,211      |
| North Far North            | Shasta-Tehama-Trinity Joint | \$1,926,071     | \$187,894     | \$2,113,965      |
| North Far North            | Sierra Joint                | \$1,714,899     | \$260,238     | \$1,975,137      |
| North Far North            | Siskiyou Joint              | \$397,824       | \$56,190      | \$454,014        |
| Bay Area                   | Solano                      | \$788,778       | \$127,531     | \$916,309        |
| Bay Area                   | Sonoma County               | \$1,277,492     | \$307,275     | \$1,584,767      |
| Orange County              | South Orange County         | \$2,425,999     | \$446,187     | \$2,872,186      |
| San Diego Imperial         | Southwestern                | \$1,513,260     | \$245,066     | \$1,758,326      |
| Central Valley Mother Lode | State Center                | \$4,451,059     | \$827,417     | \$5,278,476      |
| South Central Coast        | Ventura County              | \$2,705,063     | \$461,593     | \$3,166,656      |
| Inland Empire Desert       | Victor Valley               | \$1,412,815     | \$197,631     | \$1,610,446      |

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| Region                     | District            | Base Allocation      | 17% Incentive       | Total Allocation     |
|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Central Valley Mother Lode | West Hills          | \$467,137            | \$127,421           | \$594,558            |
| Central Valley Mother Lode | West Kern           | \$132,229            | \$126,691           | \$258,920            |
| Bay Area                   | West Valley-Mission | \$1,320,284          | \$207,762           | \$1,528,046          |
| Central Valley Mother Lode | Yosemite            | \$1,907,356          | \$326,660           | \$2,234,016          |
| North Far North            | Yuba                | \$1,233,837          | \$168,464           | \$1,402,301          |
| <b>Total</b>               |                     | <b>\$109,440,000</b> | <b>\$21,888,000</b> | <b>\$131,328,000</b> |

**Appendix B: 2026–27 SWP Regional Allocations**

| Region                     | Base Allocation     | 17% Incentive       | Total Allocation    |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Bay Area                   | \$13,485,653        | \$2,659,574         | \$16,145,227        |
| Central Valley Mother Lode | \$10,209,017        | \$1,853,720         | \$12,062,737        |
| Inland Empire Desert       | \$8,185,702         | \$1,334,061         | \$9,519,763         |
| Los Angeles                | \$11,702,015        | \$3,175,829         | \$14,877,844        |
| North Far North            | \$10,926,156        | \$1,700,545         | \$12,626,701        |
| Orange County              | \$6,236,789         | \$1,503,482         | \$7,740,271         |
| San Diego Imperial         | \$6,661,945         | \$1,271,974         | \$7,933,919         |
| South Central Coast        | \$5,552,723         | \$1,092,815         | \$6,645,538         |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>\$72,960,000</b> | <b>\$14,592,000</b> | <b>\$87,552,000</b> |



## Appendix C: 2026–27 SWP Local 17% Incentive Funding Allocations Breakdown by College

| College or Center             | 17% Incentive Allocation |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Allan Hancock College         | \$171,077                |
| American River College        | \$591,001                |
| Antelope Valley College       | \$195,288                |
| Bakersfield College           | \$459,232                |
| Barstow College               | \$51,852                 |
| Berkeley City College         | \$58,056                 |
| Butte College                 | \$204,696                |
| Cabrillo College              | \$128,077                |
| Cañada College                | \$69,291                 |
| Cerritos College              | \$375,293                |
| Cerro Coso Community College  | \$116,616                |
| Chabot College                | \$233,086                |
| Chaffey College               | \$296,990                |
| Citrus College                | \$154,112                |
| City College of San Francisco | \$369,771                |
| Clovis Community College      | \$106,597                |
| Coalinga College              | \$55,323                 |
| Coastline Community College   | \$101,830                |
| College of Alameda            | \$56,620                 |
| College of Marin              | \$53,065                 |

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| College or Center                 | 17% Incentive Allocation |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| College of San Mateo              | \$114,463                |
| College of the Canyons            | \$429,006                |
| College of the Desert             | \$184,730                |
| College of the Redwoods           | \$87,935                 |
| College of the Sequoias           | \$217,647                |
| College of the Siskiyous          | \$56,190                 |
| Columbia College                  | \$57,144                 |
| Compton College                   | \$55,800                 |
| Contra Costa College              | \$80,498                 |
| Copper Mountain Community College | \$35,146                 |
| Cosumnes River College            | \$233,168                |
| Crafton Hills College             | \$85,624                 |
| Cuesta College                    | \$154,603                |
| Cuyamaca College                  | \$82,883                 |
| Cypress College                   | \$207,528                |
| De Anza College                   | \$257,817                |
| Diablo Valley College             | \$246,910                |
| East Los Angeles College          | \$501,245                |
| El Camino College                 | \$263,935                |
| Evergreen Valley College          | \$97,919                 |
| Feather River College             | \$53,825                 |
| Folsom Lake College               | \$132,151                |

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| College or Center              | 17% Incentive Allocation |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Foothill College               | \$264,343                |
| Fresno City College            | \$510,032                |
| Fullerton College              | \$265,267                |
| Gavilan College                | \$154,184                |
| Glendale Community College     | \$160,744                |
| Golden West College            | \$155,919                |
| Grossmont College              | \$149,545                |
| Hartnell College               | \$152,418                |
| Imperial Valley College        | \$124,277                |
| Irvine Valley College          | \$125,604                |
| Lake Tahoe Community College   | \$124,632                |
| Laney College                  | \$118,380                |
| Las Positas College            | \$111,869                |
| Lassen College                 | \$86,356                 |
| Lemoore College                | \$72,098                 |
| Long Beach City College        | \$329,164                |
| Los Angeles City College       | \$200,303                |
| Los Angeles Harbor College     | \$86,685                 |
| Los Angeles Mission College    | \$142,810                |
| Los Angeles Pierce College     | \$200,727                |
| Los Angeles Southwest College  | \$76,482                 |
| Los Angeles Trade Tech College | \$301,506                |

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| College or Center                 | 17% Incentive Allocation |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Los Angeles Valley College        | \$219,693                |
| Los Medanos College               | \$130,438                |
| Madera College                    | \$69,546                 |
| Mendocino College                 | \$70,490                 |
| Merced College                    | \$224,786                |
| Merritt College                   | \$104,192                |
| MiraCosta College                 | \$169,414                |
| Mission College                   | \$103,622                |
| Modesto Junior College            | \$269,516                |
| Monterey Peninsula College        | \$132,697                |
| Moorpark College                  | \$185,245                |
| Moreno Valley College             | \$205,488                |
| Mt San Antonio College            | \$470,571                |
| Mt San Jacinto College            | \$210,153                |
| Napa Valley College               | \$63,014                 |
| Norco College                     | \$133,025                |
| North Orange Continuing Education | \$79,495                 |
| Ohlone College                    | \$135,754                |
| Orange Coast College              | \$257,644                |
| Oxnard College                    | \$108,922                |
| Palo Verde College                | \$67,409                 |
| Palomar College                   | \$264,819                |

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| College or Center                         | 17% Incentive Allocation |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Pasadena City College                     | \$365,339                |
| Porterville College                       | \$69,364                 |
| Reedley College                           | \$141,242                |
| Rio Hondo College                         | \$341,597                |
| Riverside City College                    | \$319,057                |
| Sacramento City College                   | \$293,778                |
| Saddleback College                        | \$320,583                |
| San Bernardino Valley College             | \$213,986                |
| San Diego College of Continuing Education | \$223,647                |
| San Diego City College                    | \$157,001                |
| San Diego Mesa College                    | \$225,485                |
| San Diego Miramar College                 | \$265,824                |
| San Francisco Centers                     | \$291                    |
| San Joaquin Delta College                 | \$284,746                |
| San José City College                     | \$113,736                |
| Santa Ana College                         | \$511,185                |
| Santa Barbara City College                | \$227,655                |
| Santa Monica College                      | \$323,985                |
| Santa Rosa Junior College                 | \$307,275                |
| Santiago Canyon College                   | \$230,169                |
| Shasta College                            | \$187,894                |

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| College or Center          | 17% Incentive Allocation |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Sierra College             | \$260,238                |
| Skyline College            | \$99,904                 |
| Solano Community College   | \$127,531                |
| Southwestern College       | \$245,066                |
| Taft College               | \$126,691                |
| Ventura College            | \$167,426                |
| Victor Valley College      | \$197,631                |
| West Los Angeles College   | \$193,752                |
| West Valley College        | \$104,140                |
| Woodland Community College | \$62,249                 |
| Yuba College               | \$106,215                |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>\$21,888,000</b>      |