

**MEMORANDUM**

August 21, 2026

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TO: Chief Executive Officers
Chief Instructional Officers
Chief Business Officers
Regional Consortia Chairs
Career Technical Education Deans
K14 Technical Assistance Providers

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

RE: K12 Strong Workforce Program FY 2025–26 Round Eight B Intent to Award

The Chancellor's Office, in partnership with the California Department of Education, is pleased to formally announce the 2025–26 funding awards for the K12 Strong Workforce Program (SWP) Round Eight B applications. The Regional Consortia was unable to fully allocate their K12 funds and conducted a second competitive grant application to redistribute any remaining funds, referred to as "Round Eight B" to eligible grant recipients. This memo formally announces the intent to award and provides a comprehensive list of successful applications in the Round Eight B Applications in the Inland Empire/Desert and North/Far North Region. Previously, the division announced K12 SWP FY 2025–26 awards in the Jan. 9, 2026, [memorandum K12 Strong Workforce Program FY 2025–26 Round Eight Intent to Award \(PDF\)](#).

The Chancellor's Office sincerely thanks and acknowledges the efforts of the Local Education Agencies for their applications and for the Selection Committee Members who worked hard to score and award decisions on schedule. Each Lead Agency eligible for a funded application received formal email notification of the grant award from the NOVA system with instructions for the grantee to accept the award amount. Once accepted, the K12 SWP fiscal agent in your region will contact each Lead Agency receiving funding to request signatures, and technical work plan changes, including budget amendments that may be needed to complete the execution of the grant agreement. A copy of the fully executed grant agreement will be provided to each Lead Agency. For auditing purposes, Lead Agencies should retain a copy of the grant agreement, the Request for Application (RFA) Specifications, and the K12 SWP RFA Instructions, Terms and Conditions.

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K12 SWP Round Eight B Award Summary:

No.	Application Region	Agency Name	Pathway Improvement Title	Award Amount
1	Inland Empire/Desert	Snowline Joint Unified School District	AI-Powered Pathways: Preparing Students for High-Demand Technology and Skilled Trade Careers	\$300,000
2	Inland Empire/Desert	Jurupa Unified School District	Building Bridges Through WBL: Mobility and Mastery	\$224,860
3	Inland Empire/Desert	Trona Joint Unified School District	CTE Pathway for Digital Sciences – Artificial Intelligence (ROUND B)	\$250,000
4	Inland Empire/Desert	Riverside Unified School District	Early & Expanded Access to Trades & Work-Based Learning	\$1,413,406
5	Inland Empire/Desert	Apple Valley Unified School District	Expanding Advanced Manufacturing Workforce Capacity Through CTE Facility Planning and Pathway Growth	\$128,492
6	Inland Empire/Desert	Colton-Redlands-Yucaipa ROP	From Classroom to Career: Bridging the Gap with WBL	\$899,440
7	Inland Empire/Desert	Val Verde Unified School District	From Exploration to Experience: Building Coherent Work-Based Learning Pathways	\$770,948
8	Inland Empire/Desert	Lucerne Valley Unified School District	Lucerne Valley USD: Increasing Simulated Work-Based Learning Lab Safety for Rural Students	\$45,000
9	Inland Empire/Desert	Menifee Union Elementary School District	Pathways Forward KNMS to PVHS to MSJC	\$1,247,698
10	Inland Empire/Desert	Corona-Norco Unified School District	Program Expansion for Equity and Access Eight B	\$1,220,669
11	Inland Empire/Desert	Allegiance STEAM Academy - Thrive	Round Eight B - Future Ready Pathways: Early College & Career Exploration for ASA Middle Grades	\$500,000
12	North/Far North	Fort Bragg Unified School District	Agriculture Mechanics/Welding Program Expansion (Round Eight B)	\$141,468

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No.	Application Region	Agency Name	Pathway Improvement Title	Award Amount
13	North/Far North	Da Vinci Charter Academy	Building a Roadmap: Work-based Learning and Business Career Readiness (Round B)	\$236,340
14	North/Far North	Yuba City Unified School District	Construction Pathway: Building Bridges between High School and Industry (Round B)	\$228,800
15	North/Far North	Modoc County Office of Education	CTE Pathway for Digital Sciences – Artificial Intelligence (Round B)	\$500,000
16	North/Far North	Ferndale Unified School District	CTE Personal Training & Nutrition Certifications Round Eight B Application	\$174,500
17	North/Far North	Gridley Unified School District	Developing a New Plant and Soil Science Pathway to Better Meet Workforce Needs (Round B)	\$150,000
18	North/Far North	Lake County Office of Education	Elevate Lake: Career Pathways for All (Round B)	\$331,959
19	North/Far North	Capital College & Career Academy	Entrepreneurship Pipeline (Round B)	\$166,939
20	North/Far North	Lassen Union High School District	Future Ready Frequencies: Advanced Music Production Technicians (Round B)	\$198,484
21	North/Far North	Sacramento County Office of Education	High-Quality Advisory for Student Advancement (Round B)	\$350,000
22	North/Far North	Orland Joint Unified School District	Improving Career Readiness for Alternative Education Students (Round B)	\$311,930
23	North/Far North	Inspire School of Arts and Sciences	Inspiring Future Teachers (Round B)	\$253,568
24	North/Far North	Corning Union High School District	Made for Industry: Manufacturing at the Next Level (Round B)	\$575,120
25	North/Far North	Plumas Charter School	Manufacturing Pathway Scaling and Improvement	\$231,489

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26	North/Far North	Northern Humboldt Union High School District	McKinleyville High School Business Pathway Round 8B	\$85,979
27	North/Far North	Thermalito Union Elementary School District	Nelson Avenue Middle School: Multi-Sector Career Exploration Initiative	\$93,773
28	North/Far North	Elk Grove Unified School District	Pathways to Professionalism: Student Leadership Across EGUSD (Round B)	\$697,634
29	North/Far North	Middletown Unified School District	Redesign and Expand the Arts, Media and Entertainment Pathway (Round B)	\$167,435
30	North/Far North	Shasta Union High School District	Transitions Forward: Building Inclusive Career Pathways (Round 8B)	\$897,701
31	North/Far North	Yolo County ROP	Yolo County Health & Public Service Career Pathways	\$223,579
Total				\$13,017,211

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