



California Community Colleges

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Workforce and Economic Development Division Program Updates

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Workforce Pell and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Regulatory Updates to the Uniform Guidelines

The Chancellor's Office is actively preparing for the implementation of the Federal Workforce Pell Grant program intended to expand access to high-quality, short-term career technical education pathways across the system. In anticipation of the program's launch, the Chancellor's Office has engaged in strategic planning and technical consultations with federal and state partners to better understand implementation requirements, eligibility criteria, and compliance expectations.

The Chancellor's Office continues to monitor federal and state developments while preparing implementation resources to support colleges in their Workforce Pell planning. These efforts are focused on providing clear administrative direction, funding considerations, and student support strategies to help colleges successfully implement the program once official statewide guidance is released. Updates will be shared as additional information becomes available.

California Adult Education Program (CAEP)

CAEP DELIVERABLE DEADLINES:

- **Aug. 15:** Annual Plan for 2026–27 due in NOVA
- **Sept. 1:** 25/26 Member Expense Report due in NOVA (Q4)
- **Sept. 1:** 26/27 Certification of Allocation Amendment due in NOVA
- **Sept. 30:** 25/26 Member Expense Report certified by Consortia in NOVA (Q4) *
- **Sept. 30:** 26/27 Member Program Year Budget and Workplan due in NOVA
- **Sept. 30:** End of Q1; NOVA carryover compliance snapshot taken at 11:59 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **2026 ELL Healthcare Pathways Statewide Convening**
 - Registration is open for “Pathways with Purpose: Advancing ELL Healthcare Pathways Programs for Impact and Sustainability.” Hosted by the Chancellor’s

Office, in partnership with the International Rescue Committee (IRC) and WestEd, this statewide convening will bring together ELL Healthcare Pathways grantees and key stakeholders from across California's adult education landscape.

- **When:** Thursday, September 17, 2026, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. (Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m.)
- **Where:** Hilton Irvine/Orange County Airport, 18800 MacArthur Blvd., Irvine, CA 92612
- **Cost:** This event is sponsored by the Chancellor's Office. There is no cost for participants to register.
- [Click here to register!](#)
- **Vision 2030–2026 Noncredit Summit**
 - A statewide gathering for noncredit professionals to learn, share, and shape the future of adult education in California.
 - **When:** Oct. 7–9, 2026
 - **Where:** Hyatt Regency West, Newport Beach, CA
 - [Register Here](#)
 - [Learn More!](#)
- **CAEP Summit 2026 Registration Open**
 - **California Adult Education Program Summit 2026:** Centered on the theme, “Advancing Adult Learners: Access, Opportunity, and Success”, this year's Summit will highlight the integrated and impactful strategies that California Adult Education Programs are using to expand access, close equity gaps, and support adult learners in reaching their academic and career aspirations. Join us in Santa Clara at the Santa Clara Convention Center Oct. 27–30, 2026, in Santa Clara, California
 - **When:** Oct. 27–30, 2026
 - **Where:** Santa Clara Convention Center, Santa Clara, CA
 - [Register Today!](#)
- **CAEP Summit 2026 Call for Proposals Open**
 - We invite you to submit a proposal for the California Adult Education Program (CAEP) Summit 2026, taking place Oct. 27–30, 2026, in Santa Clara, California. This year's theme, “Advancing Adult Learners: Access, Opportunity, and Success”, reflects our collective commitment to the adult education community during a transformative era.
 - [Submit a Proposal](#)

- **Consortium Leadership Academy Applications Open**
- The CAEP Consortium Leadership Academy (CLA) is a program created to build the capacity of consortia leads, directors, and co-chairs to effectively lead their consortium through a student-centered leadership approach. The CLA is aligned with the California Adult Education State Priorities, the CCCC's Vision 2030, and the CDE's Adult Education Office State Plan. More information can be found via the application link below.
 - **Application Deadline:** Aug. 31, 2026
 - **[Apply Today!](#)**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER (ELL) HEALTHCARE PATHWAYS

- Visit the CAEP **[CalAdulted.org event webpage](#)** to sign up for upcoming events, including virtual office hours, webinars, and community of practice convenings.

CAEP TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT (TAP) EVENTS

- **Aug. 28, 2026:** Capturing Noncredit Asynchronous Distance Education Attendance Hours in SX05
 - **Time:** 10–11:15 a.m.
 - **[Registration Link](#)**
- **Aug. 27, 2026:** ELL Healthcare Pathways Virtual Open Office Hours
 - **Time:** 12–1 p.m.
 - **[Registration Link](#)**
- **Sept. 22, 2026:** ELL Healthcare Pathways Virtual Open Office Hours
 - **Time:** 12–1 p.m.
 - **[Registration Link](#)**
- Please address any questions to **CAEP@CCCCO.edu**.

Apprenticeship

CALIFORNIA APPRENTICESHIP INITIATIVE (CAI)

- The Foundation for California Community Colleges and the LAUNCH Apprenticeship Network have been contracted by the Chancellor's Office to provide technical assistance to apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs. The Foundation will support general technical assistance needs and can be reached at **ApprenticeshipSupportNetwork@FoundationCCC.org**, while LAUNCH will provide specialized support in areas such as employer engagement and program sponsorship. Please feel free to work directly with your LAUNCH Regional Apprenticeship Manager for additional support.

- The Apprenticeship Team meets twice monthly on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 2–3 p.m. for virtual office hours. Please feel free to join us for any apprenticeship/pre-apprenticeship questions you may have!
- Apprenticeship toolkits are now available in the resources section of the [Apprenticeship webpage](#).
- Please review the Chancellor's Office [Apprenticeship Course and Student Coding Guidance memo](#) carefully to ensure that apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship courses and students are appropriately coded in your local systems. Accurate use of SAM course codes (e.g., CB09 = A for apprenticeship courses) and correct student apprenticeship status coding (SB23) is essential for reliable statewide reporting, compliance with funding rules, and proper alignment with DAS registration requirements. Misclassification can lead to reporting errors, missed funding opportunities, and challenges in measuring program outcomes.
- Please address any questions to Apprenticeship@CCCCO.edu.

Economic and Workforce Development (EWD)

- **Industry Driven Regional Collaborative Grants:** 2nd Bi-Annual Expenditure and Progress Report due 9/30/2026 for the reporting period March 1, 2026–Aug. 31, 2026.

The second quarter reporting period for the industry-Driven Regional Collaboratives (IDRC) Grant is due Sept. 30, 2026, and covers grant activities conducted between March 1, 2026, and Aug. 31, 2026. The Economic and Workforce Development (EWD) Program is currently working to add the IDRC grants to the NOVA system to support expenditure and progress reporting by awarded grantees. Additional guidance, including reporting instructions and notification that the grants are available in NOVA, will be provided as soon as the system configuration is complete.

- **Employer Engagement: Regional Coordination and Collaboration Grants (Year One Closeout)**

The Economic and Workforce Development (EWD) Program would like to remind all Regional Coordination and Collaboration (RCC) Grant recipients of the upcoming close-out requirements for the **Employer Engagement** portion of the grant.

As previously communicated, the Year One RCC Grant performance period concluded on **June 30, 2026**. Regions that received an approved extension may continue to expend funds only through the approved extension period. No additional extension requests will be approved.

All grant recipients are required to complete their close-out reporting in **NOVA** no later than **Aug. 31, 2026**. This reporting includes:

- **Final Expenditure Report**
- **Final Progress Report**

Please ensure that all expenditures have been recorded, all grant activities have been completed, and your final reports accurately reflect the outcomes and accomplishments of the Employer Engagement funding. Thank you for your continued partnership and your efforts to strengthen employer engagement and workforce development across California.

- **Please address any questions to Katie Gilks at KGilks@CCCCO.edu or Abigail Singleton at ASingleton@CCCCO.edu.**

High Road Construction Careers (HRCC) Partnerships Grants

- **Round One Grantee Reporting Due Dates:**
 - 2026–27 Quarter 1 (for the period from 4/1/26 to 9/30/26) **due by Sept. 30, 2026.**
 - Final Report due by **Oct. 31, 2026.**
- **Round Two Grantee Reporting Due Dates:**
 - 2025–26 Quarter 4 (for the period from 1/1/26 to 9/30/26) due by **Sept. 30, 2026.**
 - Final Report due by **Oct. 31, 2026.**
- Student-level data reporting for the final round will be **due by Oct. 31, 2026.** The data submission period will be from 10/1/26 to 10/31/26. Communications and tokens will be sent out to all grantees in a future email around Sept. 2026.
- The remaining payment dates and deliverables for the Round 1 and Round 2 grantees are shown below:
 - **Round 1**
 - **Payment Date:** 10/31/26
 - **Milestone Payment:** 20% of the grant amount (final payment)
 - **Milestone Deliverables (required for Payment):** All remaining grant deliverables must be met, including:
 - Submittal and approval of semi-annual NOVA reports for the following reporting periods:
 - 2024–25 Q3 (10/1/24 to 3/31/25)
 - 2025–26 Q1 (4/1/25 to 9/30/25)
 - 2025–26 Q3 (10/1/25 to 3/31/26)
 - 2026–27 Q1 (4/1/26 to 9/30/26)
 - Submittal and approval of the Final Report
 - Submittal and approval of the cross-walk of courses eligible for MC3 CPL and types of prior learning assessments required (to be submitted in the NOVA semi-annual fiscal report)
 - Final student-level data submittal
 - **Round 2**
 - **Payment Date:** 10/31/26
 - **Milestone Payment:** 20% of the grant amount (final payment)

- **Milestone Deliverables (required for Payment):** All remaining grant deliverables must be met, including:
 - Submittal and approval of semi-annual NOVA reports for the following reporting periods
 - 2025–26 Q2 (7/1/25 to 12/31/25)
 - 2025–26 Q4 (1/1/26 to 9/30/26)
 - Submittal and approval of the Final Report
 - Submittal and approval of the cross-walk of courses eligible for MC3 CPL and types of prior learning assessments required (to be submitted in the NOVA semi-annual fiscal report)
 - Final student-level data submittal
- Please address any questions to Cheri Fortin at CFortin@CCCCO.edu and Regina Malcolm at RMalcolm@CCCCO.edu.

Strong Workforce Program (SWP)

- **FY 2026–27 Allocation**
 - Allocation memo has been released and posed on the [WEDD Memos Website](#).
 - [SWP FY26–27 Allocation Memo](#)
- The Enacted FY 2026–27 Budget included a \$15.8 million **one-time** supplement to backfill the \$60M redirected to RNI.
 - Allocations will be recalculated, and a subsequent revised allocation memo will be released.
- **Extensions (Updated Guidance):**
 - FY 2023/24 extensions granted beyond 12/31/2025 **expire on 6/30/2026**. Final fiscal reporting **due in NOVA by 8/15/2026**.
 - FY 2024/25: Up to 3-month extensions will be considered under extenuating circumstances.
 - Extensions may be submitted to the Regional Monitor CC StrongWorkforceHelpDesk@CCCCO.edu. Extension requests must include:
 - Amount of unobligated balance (remaining funds)
 - Explanation of unspent funds
 - An expenditure plan detailing how these dollars will be spent by Sept. 30, 2026
- Fiscal reporting for approved extensions will be due 30 days after the extension deadline.
- Any remaining unspent/unbudgeted funds after the extension deadline may be subject to return to the Chancellor's Office.

- **Fiscal Reporting due Aug. 15, 2026**
 - **FY 2025–26 Allocation**
 - Year 1, Q4
 - Activity Period: Jan. 1, 2026 –June 30, 2026
 - **FY 2024–25 Allocation**
 - Year 2, Q4 and Final
 - Activity Period: Jan. 1, 2026 –June 30, 2026
- Unallocated and unspent balances are reported to the Legislative Analyst Office and Department of Finance as requested. Please ensure all fiscal reporting is up to date in NOVA.
- Please address any questions to StrongWorkforceHelpDesk@CCCCO.edu.

K12 Strong Workforce Program (SWP)

- **FY 2025–26 Round 8B**
 - Round 8B process is complete. Award memo currently in development.
- **Reporting**
 - **Round 8 FY 2025–26 Due**
 - 8/31/2026: Quarter 4 (Q4) Expenditure Report (Jan. 2026–June 2026)
 - **Round 7 FY 2024–25 Due**
 - 8/31/2026: Third Progress and Expenditure Report (Jan. 2026–June 2026)
 - **Round 6 FY 2023–24 Due**
 - 8/29/2026: Fifth Progress and Expenditure Report (Jan. 2026–June 2026)
- FY 2026–27 Round 9 RFA currently in development.
 - Expected release in mid-August. Application is expected to close Oct. 2, 2026.
 - LEAs interested in applying must have an executed data sharing MOU prior to receiving award.
 - [DataVista 3.1 K12 SWP Release Webinar](#)
 - [K12 SWP Data Sharing MOU](#)
- Please address any questions to K12SWP@CCCCO.edu.

Nursing and Allied Health

- **Allied Health**
 - Spring/Summer Clinical Site placement report for FY 2025–26 is **due in NOVA by Aug. 31, 2026**. Reports are now available in NOVA.
- **Nursing**
 - **Enrollment and Retention**
 - **FY 2024–25:** Final fiscal report due on Aug. 31, 2026. Fiscal report is now available in NOVA.
 - **FY 2026–27:** Plan for the new allocation is **due in NOVA on Aug. 28, 2026**.
- **Other:**
 - **Office Hours:** The next office hours will be hosted on Tuesday, Aug. 25 at 3 p.m.
 - [Register Here](#)
- Please address any questions to NursingApps@CCCCO.edu.

Perkins V

- **FY 2026–27 California Perkins V Title I, Part C Funding Allocation and Performance Alignment**
 - The California Perkins V Title I, Part C allocation for FY 2026–27 distributes a total of \$62,920,582 across 72 community college districts, yielding an average district allocation of \$873,897 and a per-student breakdown of \$98.61 based on 638,096 unduplicated CTE students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. This critical funding is specifically structured to allow local districts to meet the three postsecondary core indicators of performance while driving long-term student outcomes and continuous program improvement. To maintain compliance and secure ongoing eligibility, districts must intentionally align these newly allocated resources toward the federal accountability of metrics. (1P1: Postsecondary Placement and Retention; 2P1: Earned Recognized Postsecondary Credentials and 3P1: Nontraditional Program Concentration).
- **Reminder Regarding Prohibited Use of Federal Grants Funds for Lobbying and Allowable Membership Costs.**
 - Under the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (commonly referred to as the Uniform Guidance), lobbying costs are unallowable charges to a federal award. Specifically, 2 C.F.R. §200.450 prohibits the use of grant funds for lobbying activities, including influencing activities associated with obtaining grants or attempting to influence, either directly or indirectly, an employee or officer of the executive branch of the Federal Government to give consideration or to act regarding a Federal award or a regulatory matter. ([Click here for details](#))
- **Consequences for Noncompliance:** Failure to comply with these provisions may

result in disallowed costs, audit findings, program reviews, and additional oversight or enforcement actions by the Department up to the termination of your grant.

- **Perkins V FY 2026–27 Local Application and Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment Guidance (PDF) Assessment Guidance (PDF)**
- **Title I-C Local Assistance**
 - **July 1, 2026, Funding Release:** Perkins V subgrants and annual allocations for Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs become officially available to 72 community College Districts. Districts begin executing their approved grant activities, purchasing equipment, and rolling out new sequences of academic and technical courses.
 - **July 15, 2026:** Quarter 4 reporting FY 2025–26 is past due
 - A note to all districts: Failure to submit quarterly reporting in a timely manner will cause delay in receiving reimbursement and may result in a Perkins funding **risk assessment**. The district should reach out to the assigned **regional monitor** regarding any questions and/or concerns regarding this submission date.
 - **September 30 Deadline**
 - The final expenditure report deadline for Perkins V (Title I, Part C) grants for the 2025–26 grant year is Sept. 30.
- **Resources:**
 - **Perkins V Resources**
 - **Estimated Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 State Allocations under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (Perkins V)**
- **2025 Year in Review: The annual State Policies Impacting Career Technical Education (CTE)**
 - The report examines how CTE and career-readiness policies are connected to education and workforce initiatives in states through 2025 state policy actions, including legislation, executive orders, and budget provisions that significantly altered funding.
 - Visit **2025 Year in Review: The annual State Policies Impacting Career Technical Education (CTE)** to access the report.
- **Please address any questions to PerkinsSupport@CCCCO.edu.**

Regional Collaboration and Coordination Grant (Round 2)

- Grant began July 1, 2026
- Awardees have been announced:
 - [Regional Collaboration and Coordination Grant \(Round 2\) 2026–29 Intent to Award](#)
- RFA Resources are available on our [WEDD Grant Opportunities website](#).
- Please address questions to RegionalCoordination@CCCCO.edu.

Regional Equity and Recovery Partnerships (RERP)

- RERP grant ended on **Sept. 30, 2025**. All grant deliverables are now overdue. If any of the following items are outstanding, please submit them right away:
 - End of Term report in NOVA
 - Final student-level data submission
 - Final invoice (please do not submit this until all other grant deliverables have been met)
- Final NOVA report, student-level data, and invoices were **due Oct. 31, 2025**.
- **Please address any questions to Cheri Fortin at CFortin@CCCCO.edu and Regina Malcolm at RMalcolm@CCCCO.edu.**