California Community Colleges

MEMORANDUM
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TO: Chief Instructional Officers
Chief Business Officers
Career Education Deans
Regional Consortia Chairs

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

RE: California Apprenticeship Initiative New and Innovative Grant Program: FY 2026–27 Notice of Intent to Award (Pending Board of Governors Approval)

This memorandum is a formal notification of the intent to award California Apprenticeship Initiative New and Innovative Grant Program (CAI Program) funding by the Chancellor's Office Workforce and Economic Development Division using the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026–27 appropriation.

The CAI Program grants awarded to selected California community colleges, K–12 local education agencies, and other related entities, collectively identified as "Grantees" in Tables 2 through 4, are intended to create new and innovative apprenticeship opportunities in priority and emerging industry sectors or areas. Grant award amounts are based on amounts requested in the grant applications and may have been amended at the discretion of the Chancellor's Office. Up to $1.5 million was allowed for Apprenticeship and Pre-Apprenticeship Program Implementation Grants and up to $1 million for Apprenticeship Expansion Grants. These investments will target the key career education strategy of vastly expanding registered pre-apprenticeships and apprenticeships as reflected in Vision 2030, which is the strategic blueprint for our 116-community college system.

The Chancellor's Office deeply appreciates and acknowledges the efforts of all applicants in FY 2025–26 CAI Program application round. Our office received 178 applications requesting $147,387,416. In carefully reviewing the submissions, the applicants put significant time, research, and planning into their work. Due to the significant number of applications received during the FY 2025–26 request for applications (RFA), the Chancellor's Office is now able to continue funding the highest scored applicants who met the minimum score requirement but were not previously funded. This new round of Grantees will be funded using the FY 2026–27 appropriation.

Grant Awards

To make award decisions, as described in the request for application (RFA) document, the Chancellor's Office application review team (Review Team) reviewed each application to determine whether the content of the application met the RFA requirements. Applications must have received at least 75 points to be eligible for award consideration, although meeting this minimum requirement did not guarantee funding.

Each application was awarded up to 100 points distributed within the categories of Budget, Supporting Documents, Implementation/Expansion, and Work Plan. Priority consideration was provided to programs:

1. Registered or in the process of obtaining registration with the California Division of Apprenticeship Standards
2. Demonstrating a lower cost per student, thereby serving a greater number of students
3. Included strong, valid labor market demand information to demonstrate the need for apprenticeship programs within an occupation and/or industry sector.
4. Demonstrating program sustainability.

Applications were selected for an award in order of highest review score to lowest review score, until available funding was depleted. The Chancellor's Office totaled these points to establish a final score, ranked all applications by their final score, and awarded to as many applications in rank order as funding permitted.

The results of the overall application scoring are outlined in the tables below. Table 2 through Table 4 include only the newly funded applications from this round, presented by School, Application Title, Funding Status, and Budget within each table. The complete list of previously funded and not funded applicants from the original FY 2025–26 CAI Program application round is included in a previous memorandum.

The performance periods for grant awards under this notice are as follows:

- Pre-Apprenticeship Implementation Grant: Jan. 1, 2027–March 1, 2030
- Apprenticeship Implementation Grant: Jan. 1, 2027–March 1, 2030
- Apprenticeship Expansion Grant: Jan. 1, 2027–March 1, 2029

Table 1: Scoring Criteria

Pre-Apprenticeship Implementation		Apprenticeship Implementation		Apprenticeship Expansion	
Workflow Step	Max Score	Workflow Step	Max Score	Workflow Step	Max Score
Details	Not Scored	Details	Not Scored	Details	Not Scored
Contact	Not Scored	Contact	Not Scored	Contact	Not Scored
Budget	20	Budget	20	Budget	20

Pre-Apprenticeship Implementation		Apprenticeship Implementation		Apprenticeship Expansion	
Supporting Documents	10	Supporting Documents	10	Supporting Documents	10
Pre-Apprenticeship Implementation	20	Apprenticeship Implementation	20	Apprenticeship Expansion	20
Pre-Apprenticeship Implementation Work Plan	50	Apprenticeship Implementation Work Plan	50	Apprenticeship Expansion Work Plan	50

Please keep in mind that all apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs must obtain formal approval by the California Division of Apprenticeship Standards (DAS), and dual registration with the United States Department of Labor (DOL) is strongly encouraged.

Appeals

Applicants have ten (10) business days from the day this memorandum is distributed and posted online to submit an appeal. If an appeal is submitted during this period, the grants affected will not be awarded until the appeal is resolved. The appeal must specify the grounds of appeal and must be based on the process and/or procedures used in the review and recommendation of application for awards. The appeal must be emailed with an email header of "CAI Appeal: TIME SENSITIVE" and addressed to Apprenticeship@CCCCO.edu.

Next Steps

Before the execution of grant award agreements, grant awards must be approved by the California Community Colleges Board of Governors. Awards are anticipated to be submitted for approval by the Board of Governors during its November 2026 meeting date. Additionally, prior to execution of grant award agreements, Chancellor's Office staff may contact Grantees to request adjustments or modifications to the work plan and/or budget submitted as part of the grant application.

Grantees awarded funding under this notice will have the opportunity to modify their work plan if circumstances have changed since their original application submission. Grantees are required to ensure their work plan remains current throughout the full duration of the grant.

For questions regarding the next steps, please contact the Apprenticeship Team at Apprenticeship@CCCCO.edu.

Table 2: Pre-Apprenticeship Implementation Grant

School	Application Title	Funding Status	Budget
Barstow College	Veterans Electrical Entry Program (VEEP)- Pre-Apprenticeship Pathway	Funded	$215,250
Chaffey Community College District	Chaffey College Pre-Apprenticeship Implementation Program - InTech IEM	Funded	$240,000
Laney College	Laney CC & Hack the Hood: Pathways into Technology Careers for Diverse Bay Area Opportunity Youth	Funded	$550,000
Los Angeles Unified	Prep to Plate: Culinary Career Pathway	Funded	$1,500,000
San Diego City College	San Diego City College Pre-Apprenticeship- Manufacturing	Funded	$1,000,000
San Luis Obispo County Office of Education	SLOCOE Aerospace: Advanced Manufacturing Pre-Apprenticeship Implementation Program	Funded	$407,398
Total:			**$3,912,648**

Table 3: Apprenticeship Implementation Grant

School	Application Title	Funding Status	Budget
ABC Unified School District	Pathways to Practice: Special Education and IT Apprenticeships	Funded	$675,092
Alameda County Office of Education	ACOE Certified Wellness Coach Apprenticeship Program	Funded	$553,173
Berkeley City College	Berkley CC and BRIC Foundation Implementation CAI	Funded	$45,000
Butte County Office of Education	FY26-27 Peer Support Specialist	Funded	$1,500,000
Butte County Office of Education	Community Cycles Implementation	Funded	$180,000
Chabot-Las Positas Community College District	CLPCCD-Tri-CED Refuse/Recyclable Materials Collectors Apprenticeship	Funded	$224,377
College and Career Advantage	Jobsite Ready: A: A Youth Pipeline to Pre-Apprenticeship in the Trades	Funded	$1,497,951
Cuesta College	Cuesta College Apprenticeship Implementation Grant - Addiction Studies	Funded	$389,653
Diablo Valley College	Robotics Apprenticeship @ DVC	Funded	$765,616
Fullerton College	Fullerton College Cyber Security Support Technician Apprenticeship Grant	Funded	$369,000
Las Positas College	Las Positas College	Funded	$600,000
Merritt College	Merritt College Early Childhood Educator Apprenticeship Program(Program (MCEAP)-ECE Teacher	Funded	$824,976

School	Application Title	Funding Status	Budget
MiraCosta Community College District	Apprenticeship Implementation for QC Data Analysts and Inspectors	Funded	$1,500,000
Mission College	Data Center Technician Data Center Critical Operations Technician Apprenticeship Program	Funded	$1,033,758
Napa Valley College	Napa Valley College Culinary Apprenticeships	Funded	$374,997
Oakland Unified School District	OACE MGF Personal Trainer Apprenticeship	Funded	$1,484,151
Pasadena City College	Machinist Apprenticeship Implementation	Funded	$450,000
Rio Hondo College	Rio Hondo/STEP-UP ECE Apprenticeship Initiative	Funded	$674,827
Riverside City College	RCC Early Childhood Education Implementation Grant	Funded	$466,393
San Joaquin Delta Community College District	Delta-ECEPTS Apprenticeship Project 2026-2029	Funded	$900,000
Santa Cruz County Office of Education	Santa Cruz County Office of Education Medical Assisting Apprenticeship Program (SCCOE MAAP)	Funded	$717,929
West Hills Community College District	Psych-Tech Apprenticeship for California Training (PACT)	Funded	$1,500,000
West Los Angeles College	BRIC Foundation	Funded	$450,000
Total:			**$17,176,893**

Table 4: Apprenticeship Expansion Grant

School	Application Name	Funding Status	Budget
Chabot-Las Positas Community College District	CLPCDD-Expanding Dispensing Opticians	Funded	$993,190
El Dorado County Office of Education	El Dorado County ECE Associate Teacher Permit Expansion Grant	Funded	$150,000
Marin Community College District	College of Marin, Golden Gate Bus Coach Operator Apprenticeship Phase II Expansion	Funded	$825,000
Peralta Community College District	Berkeley City College Teacher Preparation Apprenticeship Consortium (ELAP Expansion)	Funded	$1,000,000
Sacramento City College	Integrated Health and Wellness Expansion Grant	Funded	$1,000,000
West Los Angeles College	Key Code Media	Funded	$180,000
Total:			**$4,148,190**

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