



California Community Colleges

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Workforce Pell Grant: Provisional Program Eligibility and College Preparation

The Workforce Pell Grant program represents a significant expansion of federal financial aid eligibility for short-term, workforce-aligned programs and is a key priority for the State of California to prepare students for employment in high-skill, high-wage, and in-demand occupations. This informational memorandum provides colleges with a comprehensive understanding of the new Workforce Pell Grants, including what is changing under federal law, how the state will manage implementation during the transition period, and what colleges should begin doing now to prepare. The intent is to support colleges in planning proactively, avoiding disruptions to programs and students, and ensuring alignment with state and federal expectations as guidance continues to evolve.

- [Workforce Pell Overview Memo](#)

California Adult Education Program (CAEP)

CAEP Deliverable Deadlines:

- **Sept. 30:** 2025–26 Member Expense Report certified by Consortia in NOVA (Q4)
- **Sept. 30:** 2026–27 Member Program Year Budget and Workplan due in NOVA
- **Sept. 30:** End of Q1; NOVA carryover compliance snapshot taken at 11:59 p.m.
- **Oct. 30:** 2026–27 Member Program Year Budget and Workplan certified by Consortia in NOVA
- **Nov. 15:** Written Expenditure Plan (WEP) due (only for consortia who have exceeded 20% carryover)

Upcoming Events:

- **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 is 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.
 - **When:** Oct. 27–30, 2026
 - **Where:** Santa Clara Convention Center, Santa Clara, CA
 - [Register Here](#)

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

- **Oct. 21, 2026:** ELL Healthcare Pathways Virtual Open Office Hours
 - **Time:** 12–1 p.m.
 - [Register Here](#)
- 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 California Community Colleges 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 to 3 p.m. for virtual office hours. Please feel free to join us for any apprenticeship/pre-apprenticeship questions you may have!
- Apprenticeship toolkits and guidance documents 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.

- The Chancellor's Office has issued the **FY 2026–27 initial related and supplemental instruction (RSI) allocations**, totaling \$100.864 million for eligible community college districts and K–12 entities supporting registered apprenticeship programs. The allocation reflects a \$2.757 million increase from the prior year and includes an RSI hourly rate increase from \$10.32 to \$10.61. In addition, the Chancellor's Office issued a **one-time \$7.818 million reimbursement** to address eligible FY 2024–25 RSI funding shortfalls resulting from insufficient prior-year appropriations.
- **Oct. 26, 2026: Registered Apprenticeship Data Reporting: Systemwide Findings & What Comes Next Statewide Webinar**
 - 3–4 p.m.
 - **[Register Here](#)**

Expanding Apprenticeship Pathways is a key component of Vision 2030. Although colleges are expanding apprenticeship opportunities at a record pace, that progress is not always seen in statewide reporting from the Chancellor's Office Management Information System (COMIS). Join the Chancellor's Office, Foundation for California Community Colleges, and WestEd for a statewide webinar on the systemwide review of registered pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship data reporting, conducted through the California Apprenticeship Initiative.

This session will introduce the project and its goals, share findings from the systemwide inventory of how colleges currently code apprenticeship activity and walk through the specific data entry practices that need to be reviewed and updated. We'll break down the recommended approach to student-level COMIS coding, explain how it aligns with the Chancellor's Office apprenticeship data guidance and the SB23 Data Element Dictionary, and clarify why it more accurately captures apprenticeship enrollment than course-level coding alone.

The emphasis throughout is on data accuracy and capacity building — supporting colleges as partners in strengthening reporting quality, not compliance enforcement. We'll also preview the technical assistance available to help colleges through the correction and submission process, including upcoming office hours for hands-on troubleshooting.

- 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 biannual expenditure and progress report will be submitted through NOVA. Staff are currently working to open the NOVA system and continue to finalize

the necessary programming. The EWD program anticipates the reporting system will be available within the next couple of weeks. Once the system is available, guidance will be sent to all IDRC grant recipients with instructions for accessing NOVA and completing the required expenditure and progress reporting

NOTE: The EWD program anticipates extending the progress reporting deadline to allow grantees sufficient time to complete and submit their reports once the system becomes available.

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

Reminder: All grant recipients were 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 that your final reports accurately reflect the outcomes and accomplishments of the Employer Engagement funding. If you have any questions regarding the close-out process or reporting requirements, please contact the EWD Program at EWD@CCCCO.edu.

- **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

- **Announcements**
 - 2026–27 Quarter 1 (for the period from 4/1/26 to 9/30/26) was **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.
- 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)

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 - 2026–27 Q1 (4/1/26 to 9/30/26)
 - Submittal and approval of the Final Report
 - Submittal and approval of the crosswalk 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 crosswalk 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](#)
 - FY 2026–27 Project Plans are due in NOVA by 10/30/2026
 - [Project Plan Development Guidance](#)
- **Extensions:**
 - FY24/25 – All extension approvals are now expired. Extensions beyond 9/30/2026 are not being considered.
 - Final fiscal reporting is due in NOVA no later than 11/16/2026.
 - Any remaining unspent/unbudgeted funds 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 that all fiscal reporting is up to date in NOVA.
- Please address any questions to StrongWorkforceHelpDesk@CCCCO.edu.

K12 Strong Workforce Program (SWP)

- **FY 2026–27 Round 9 RFA**
 - RFA released Aug. 28, 2026. RFA and supporting documents available on the [K12 SWP RFA Website](#). The RFA will launch in NOVA at a later date. Separate communication will be sent via NOVA when the application is available to submit.
 - LEAs interested in applying must have an executed DataVista data-sharing MOU on file with the Chancellor's Office prior to receiving award. If an applicant currently has a certified DataVista data-sharing MOU from a previous award, a new MOU is not necessary.
 - Submission deadline extended to 5 p.m., PST, 10/5/2026.
 - Award notifications are expected on 11/20/2026.
 - Grant period begins 1/1/2027.
- Please address any questions to K12SWP@CCCCO.edu.

Nursing and Allied Health

- **Allied Health**
 - Spring/Summer 2025–26 clinical report is due in NOVA on Sept. 30, 2026.
- **Nursing**
 - RNI RFA R3 applications now available. Applications are due on Monday, Dec. 14, 2026 in NOVA. For more details, check [the WEDD RFA website](#).
- Please address any questions to NursingApps@CCCCO.edu.

Perkins V

- **Perkins Statistics**
 - In FY 2026, the federal government allocated approximately \$1.4 billion in Perkins Basic State Grants to states to support the development and improvement of CTE programs ([OCTAE](#)).
 - CTE programs served over 8.6 million secondary CTE participants and 3.3 million postsecondary CTE participants in 2023–24 ([OCTAE](#)). Participants are students who take at least one course in CTE.
 - These 2023–24 totals include 3.8 million secondary CTE concentrators, or students taking 2+ courses in the same CTE program area, and 1.8 million postsecondary CTE concentrators, or students earning 12+ credits in a CTE program area (or less if the program is shorter) ([OCTAE](#)).
- **Title I-C Local Assistance**
 - **Sept. 30, 2026:** Final Reporting Deadline

- The final expenditure report deadline for Perkins V (Title I, Part C) grants for the 2025–26 grant year is **Sept. 30, 2026**.
- **Oct. 15, 2026:** Quarter 1, FY 2026–27 fiscal and narrative reporting is due.
 - However, please be aware that the final report must be submitted before Q1 is submitted.
- **New Resource Available!**
 - The Perkins V Program has released the [**Perkins V Project Director’s Handbook**](#). The purpose of the handbook is to provide a useful tool to understand the landscape of Perkins and federal education grants management for new and incumbent Project Directors. You can also find it on the [**Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act \(Perkins V\)**](#) within the “Guidance” section.
- **Fall 2026 CCCAOE Conference**
 - Join us for the Perkins CCCAOE pre-conference session **Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2026 from 1–3 p.m.!** Room location to be announced. The Perkins team will be presenting, in partnership with Michael Brustein, on the major changes at the Federal Level. Please reach out with any questions at [**PerkinsSupport@CCCCO.edu!**](mailto:PerkinsSupport@CCCCO.edu)
- **Resources:**
 - [**Perkins V Resources**](#)
 - [**Estimated Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2026 State Allocations under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 \(Perkins V\)**](#)
- Please address any questions to [**PerkinsSupport@CCCCO.edu**](mailto:PerkinsSupport@CCCCO.edu).

Regional Collaboration and Coordination Grant (Round 2)

- Awardees have been announced and grant is in progress:
 - [**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**](mailto:RegionalCoordination@CCCCO.edu)