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\$3 million grant for Career Technical Education will boost employment opportunities for California youth

SACRAMENTO – A \$3 million grant from the state Employment Development Department (EDD) will move young adults into Career Technical Education (CTE), a program that links education in the classroom with skills training in the workplace to create a more marketable worker.

Developed by the California Workforce Investment Board and the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, CTE has been successful in helping young adults prepare for entry into the workplace, as well as ongoing education and long-term careers.

“Youth unemployment is an escalating problem in California and many young adults lack the skills to compete in today’s competitive labor market,” said Pam Harris, Chief Deputy Director of the EDD. “By connecting the workplace with the classroom, CTE provides work experience and pre-apprenticeships to give these young adults more marketable skills to secure their futures.”

California’s struggling economy has been hard on California’s younger workers. The unemployment rate for young adults ages 16 to 19 is 34.7 percent, while for workers ages 20 to 24 it is 19.2 percent.

In CTE, students will complete a training program and receive an industry-recognized certificate, diploma or degree that is part of a pathway toward certification to be completed at the postsecondary level.

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Grant recipients include:

Awardees	County	Industry Focus	Award	Contact
Richmond Workforce Investment Board	Alameda	Construction, health care, hospitality, and transportation (automotive)	\$500,000	Sal Vaca (510) 307-8006
Hartnell Community College District	Monterey	Agriculture and natural resources, and building trades and construction	\$499,950	Mike Thomas (831) 770-7082
Los Angeles Harbor College	Los Angeles	Arts, media, and entertainment	\$500,000	Juanita Naranjo (310) 233-4446
Orange County Workforce Investment Board	Orange	Manufacturing and product development	\$500,000	Andrew Muñoz (714) 567-7370
San Joaquin County Office of Education	San Joaquin	Building trades and construction, emphasis on residential and commercial	\$500,000	Sheilah Goulart (209) 468-9246
Humboldt County Workforce Investment Board	Humboldt	Agriculture and natural resources, hospitality, tourism and recreation, engineering and design, and manufacturing and product development	\$500,000	Jacqueline Debets (707) 445-7745

Funding for these grants is drawn from the Governor’s Discretionary 15 percent Workforce Investment Act funds under the Administrative authority of the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency’s EDD.

For more information about these projects, please call your local agency contact listed above.

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