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EDD awards \$10 million in funding to assist California Workers impacted by COVID-19

SACRAMENTO – The California Employment Development Department (EDD) and the Labor & Workforce Development Agency announced today they have awarded \$10 million to 42 Local Workforce Development Areas (Local Area). This is the result of [initiatives Governor Gavin Newsom announced earlier this month](#) to support California’s workers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Each of these Local Areas have a unique plan to assist their communities with these funds, and they will use the emergency funds to provide supportive services to underserved populations, particularly participants in the English Language Learners (ELL) and ELL Navigator programs. The additional assistance funds will provide up to \$800 per person for basic needs such as childcare, housing and utility assistance, and transportation costs. In addition, funding assistance for equipment needed for teleworking along with digital services for Wi-Fi access may be available for workers in some areas.

“The immense impact of COVID-19 has put an incredible financial strain on the lives of many Californians,” said EDD Director Sharon Hilliard. “It is our hope that this funding, along with other ongoing efforts, will help provide some relief to Californians who need it as quickly as possible.”

Funding was provided in accordance with the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and administered by the EDD and the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency.

Tulare County

Through its network of partnerships, Tulare County will be able to reach out to individuals to provide support where other safety net programs are unable to meet the need. These funds will help provide support to get them through the crisis. Tulare County has many participants who were on a path to self-sufficiency until the pandemic derailed their progress.

“[The Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County](#) is committed to helping our community recover from this health and economic crisis,” said Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County Executive Director Adam Peck. “We will use this investment to provide rent and utility assistance for individuals impacted by COVID-19, and help stabilize their lives until they can return to work.”

San Francisco County

The San Francisco Office of Economic and Workforce Development intends to provide individuals with emergency supportive services through their existing network of Neighborhood Access Points and Hospitality Initiative service providers.

“Like cities and counties across the state, San Francisco’s workforce, in particular the workers in our most underserved communities, are reeling from the economic impacts of the coronavirus pandemic,” said San Francisco Office of Economic and Workforce Development Director Joshua Arce. “As unemployment grows, these vital resources will allow us to temporarily stabilize the dislocated workers in some of our hardest hit industries until they can get back on their feet.”

Los Angeles County

The Los Angeles County Workforce Development, Aging & Community Services (WDACS) will launch a Worker Resiliency Fund to help those job seekers most heavily impacted by the global pandemic.

“In partnership with the state and trusted, community-based organizations, we intend to provide outreach to the English language learner communities in the Los Angeles area,” said WDACS Acting Director, Otto Solorzano. “By providing them with essential supportive services such as food and shelter, we hope to ease some of the hardships these individuals are facing.”

Please refer to the table below for the organization’s contact information to learn more about the specific supportive services available with these funds.

2020 COVID-19 Funds for Supportive Services

Local Workforce Development Area	Contact	Award Amount
Alameda County Workforce Development Board	Patti Castro, Executive Director (510) 259-3843	\$153,000
City of Anaheim Workforce Development Division	Mike Lyster, Chief Communications Officer (714) 765-4497	\$450,000
Workforce Development Board of Contra Costa County	Donna Van Wert, Executive Director (925) 671-4514	\$108,000
Foothill Workforce Development Board	Dianne Russell-Carter, Executive Director (626) 584-8395	\$450,000
Fresno Area Workforce Development Corporation	Blake Konczal, Executive Director (559) 960-1282	\$315,000

Golden Sierra Job Training Agency	Jason Buckingham, Executive Director (916) 773-8542	\$45,000
Humboldt County Workforce Development Board	Cara Sue Owings, Deputy Branch Director (707) 954-2307	\$126,000
Imperial County Workforce Development Office	Linsey J. Dale, Public Information Officer (442) 265-1018	\$72,000
Kern/Inyo/Mono Consortium	Teresa Hitchcock, Assistant County Administrator Officer (661) 304-0058	\$252,000
City of Long Beach Pacific Gateway Workforce Innovation Network	Erick Serrato, Assistant Director (562) 570-3702	\$270,000
City of Los Angeles Economic & Workforce Development Department	Mayor's Eric Garcetti's Communications Office (213) 978-0741	\$810,000
Los Angeles County Workforce Development, Aging & Community Services	Michael Kapp, Director of Public Affairs (213) 706-8140	\$810,000
Madera County Workforce Investment Corporation	Tracie Scott-Contreras, Executive Director (559) 662-4587	\$27,000
Merced County Workforce Development Board	David Mirrione, Assistant County Executive Officer, Merced County Director (209) 385-7515	\$99,000
Monterey County Workforce Development Board	Christopher Donnelly, Executive Director (831) 759-6644	\$90,000
Mother Lode Consortium	Amy Torres, Operations Manager (209) 536-4701	\$135,000
Northern Rural Training Employment Consortium	Michael Cross, Executive Director (530) 892-9600 Ext. 204	\$153,000
North Central Counties Consortium	Cindy Newton, Executive Director (530) 751-8202	\$63,000
NOVA Workforce Board	Kris Stadelman, Director (408) 730-7233	\$180,000
Oakland Workforce Development Board, City of Oakland Economic & Workforce Development Department	Harry Hamilton, Marketing Coordinator 510-238-6766	\$126,000

Orange County Development Board	Mechelle Haines, Public Information Officer (714) 480-2941	\$900,000
City of Richmond Employment and Training	Sal Vaca, Director of Community Services (510) 307-8006	\$162,000
Riverside County Economic Development Agency	Brooke Federico, Public Information Officer (951) 743-0075	\$252,000
Sacramento Employment and Training Agency	Terri Carpenter, Workforce Development Manager (916) 263-7891	\$90,000
San Benito County Workforce Development Board	Enrique Arreola, Deputy Director (831) 634-4918	\$54,000
San Bernardino County Workforce Development Board	Phil Cothran, Workforce Board Chair (909) 822-3545	\$315,000
San Diego Workforce Partnership, Inc.	Andrew Picard, Chief Programs Officer (619) 228-2929	\$315,000
San Francisco Office of Economic and Workforce Development	Gloria Chan, Director of Communications (415) 554-6926	\$675,000
Employment and Economic Development Department San Joaquin County	John M. Solis, Executive Director (209) 601-1249	\$252,000
San Jose Silicon Valley - work2future	Elisabeth Handler, Public Information Officer (408) 535-8168	\$45,000
San Luis Obispo County Department of Social Services	Dawn Boulanger, Workforce Development Board Director (805) 781-1835	\$10,080
Santa Ana Workforce Development Board	Paul Eakins, Public Affairs Information Officer (714) 647-5224	\$360,000
Santa Barbara County	Luis Servin, Workforce Program Manager (805) 896-6835	\$135,000
Sonoma County Workforce Development Board	Katie Greaves, Director (707) 565-8501	\$270,000

South Bay Workforce Development Board	Jan Vogel, Director (310) 970-7700	\$40,500
SELACO Workforce Development Board	Sandra Michel, Director, Policy and Compliance (562) 484-5046	\$252,000
Stanislaus County Department of Workforce Development	Doris Foster, Director (209) 652-2458	\$171,000
Workforce Development Board of Tulare County	Nicola Wissler, Business Resource Specialist (559) 713-5208	\$180,000
Workforce Development Board of Ventura County	Rebecca Evans, Executive Director (805) 758-8411	\$450,000
Verdugo Consortium	Judith Velasco, Executive Director (818) 937-8031	\$90,000
Workforce Alliance of North Bay	Laura Davis, Operations Officer (707) 699-1952	\$54,000
Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency	Jenny Tan, Public Information Officer (530) 666-8042	\$270,000

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