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\$2 million to assist Californians with disabilities in job searches

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SACRAMENTO - People with disabilities in 13 counties will get additional help in landing employment with \$2 million in grants announced by the California Employment Development Department today. The Disability Employment Accelerator grants assist people with disabilities obtain skills needed for employment in growing industries such as advanced manufacturing, clean energy, transportation, and healthcare.

The disability employment assistance funds will help prepare job seekers with skills and training needed for careers and then connect them with hiring businesses. The organizations receiving the grants will use “earn-and-learn” strategies that empower people with disabilities to earn incomes while they learn new skills that will help them progress into high-growth industries.

“Many people with disabilities are already skilled and reliable employees,” said EDD Director Patrick W. Henning. “But too often the disability creates a barrier that inhibits employers from seeing this fact. Besides training and guidance, these grants will provide financial incentives to businesses to encourage them to recognize potential employees they may have been overlooking.”

Funds will be distributed to seven organizations serving clients in Alpine, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Madera, Mono, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, and Yuba counties.

Funds are made available by the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act’s Governor’s discretionary funds under the administrative authority of the EDD.

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The 2017 Disability Employment Accelerator grant recipients are listed below:

Awardee	County	Amount	Industries	Contact
Sacramento Employment and Training Agency	Sacramento	\$350,000	Advanced Manufacturing, Clean Energy, Education and Knowledge Creation, Food and Agriculture, Information and Communications Technology, Life Sciences, Health Services and Construction	Michelle O'Camb 916-263-3868 Michelle.OCamb@seta.net
Employers' Training Resource	Kern, Inyo, Mono	\$275,000	Healthcare and Manufacturing/Logistics	Bill Stevenson 661-635-2758 bills@co.kern.ca.us
Golden Sierra Job Training Agency	Alpine, El Dorado, Placer	\$176,446	Hospitality and Tourism, Retail, Healthcare, Education and Training, Construction, Business and Social Services	Darlene Galipo 916-746-7722 x122 galipo@goldensierra.com
Workforce Development Board of Madera County	Madera	\$275,000	Manufacturing, Agriculture, Healthcare, Renewable Energy, Transportation, Hospitality and Tourism, and Retail	Elaine Craig 559-662-4589 ecraig@maderaworkforce.org
Jewish Vocational Service	Los Angeles	\$275,000	Hospitality, Retail, Information Technology, Transportation, Healthcare and Personal Security	Claudia Finkel 323-761-8897 cfinkel@jvsla.org
North Central Counties Consortium	Colusa, Glenn, Sutter, Yuba	\$350,000	Transportation, Retail, Healthcare, Social Services, and Protective Services	Cindy Newton 530-822-7145 cnewton@ncen.org
Verdugo Workforce Development Board	Los Angeles	\$350,000	Technology and Manufacturing	Judith Velasco 818-937-8031 jvelasco@glendaleca.gov

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