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**EDD awards nearly \$1 million to help retrain and re-employ
120 laid-off workers in the Los Angeles region**

PASADENA – The California Employment Development Department (EDD) today announced it has awarded a \$994,000 grant to Pasadena’s Foothill Workforce Development Board to retrain and re-employ 120 workers recently laid off in the region.

“It’s important that these workers receive the training and re-employment services they need to quickly get back to work,” said EDD Director Patrick W. Henning. “This grant will help them gain new job skills that they can use to move into new careers in growing industries.”

The Foothill Workforce Development Board will use the grant to provide employment services to workers laid off from Slater’s 50/50 restaurants, H&M clothing, Applebee’s Neighborhood Grill & Bar, Burkard Nurseries, Inc., Le Cordon Bleu culinary school, Vons supermarkets, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The grant will fund re-training of the unemployed workers for careers in the region’s growing industries, which include: health care, educational services, retail, hotel and food service, and professional and technical services. Additionally, the grant will fund job-placement assistance that will connect the newly-trained workers with businesses looking for skilled employees.

Funding for the program comes from the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Governor’s discretionary funds and is under the administrative authority of the EDD and the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency.

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