



WORKFORCE ACCELERATOR FUND 6.0 – REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

The California Workforce Development Board (State Board) and the Employment Development Department are pleased to announce the availability of up to \$4.8 million in *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act* funds to design, develop, and implement projects that accelerate employment and re-employment strategies for targeted populations.

The Workforce Accelerator Fund (WAF) 6.0 will support projects that bridge education and workforce gaps for target populations and build workforce system capacity through the following:

- **Collaboration** among partners in the development of service delivery strategies and alignment of resources to better connect disadvantaged and disconnected job seekers to employment.
- **Innovation** that creates new or adapts existing approaches or accelerates application of promising practices in workforce development and skill attainment.
- **System change** that uses these subgrants to incentivize adoption of proven strategies and innovations that are sustained beyond the grant period.

The WAF 6.0 is open to both new applicants as well as current or previous grantees. Eligible applicants include Local Workforce Development Boards, labor organizations, K-12 education entities, community colleges, adult schools, county social services agencies, community-based organizations, business related non-profit organizations, and workforce intermediaries.

An application workshop webinar will be held on September 21, 2017 for interested applicants.

All applications must be received by **Monday, October 16, 2017** at 3 p.m.

For more information regarding this funding opportunity and its requirements, please visit the State Board's [Workforce Accelerator Fund](#) web page.

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