

WORKFORCE ACCELERATOR FUND 7.0 – 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 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) 7.0 will support projects that bridge education and workforce gaps for targeted populations and build workforce system capacity as follows:

- **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 the adoption of proven strategies and innovations that are sustained beyond the grant period.

The WAF 7.0 will support projects that create and prototype innovative strategies to accelerate skill development, employment, and reemployment for one or more of the target populations. Innovations that emerge from these prototypes will then be scaled and replicated across the state, infusing new ideas into the bloodstream of workforce development.

All applications must be received by **Monday, December 3, 2018** by 3p.m.

For more information on this funding opportunity and its requirements, please refer to the Request for Applications notice on the State Board's [Workforce Accelerator Fund](#) web page.

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