August 2025
Workforce & Economic Development Division
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❖ **California Adult Education Program (CAEP)**

  ▪ **August 2025**
    ➢ **8/15/2025:** Annual Plan for 2025-26 due in NOVA

  ▪ **Please address any questions to caep@cccco.edu.**

❖ **California Apprenticeship Initiative (CAI)**

  ▪ The Foundation for California Community Colleges has contracted with the CCCCO to provide technical assistance to all grantees effective immediately. Please contact **apprenticeshipsupportnetwork@foundationccc.org** for more information on how to access assistance.

  ▪ The LAUNCH Apprenticeship Network is now contracted to support apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs with areas related to employer engagement, program sponsorship, and more. Please contact **justin@launchapprenticeship.org** to learn more.

  ▪ Beginning in August, the Apprenticeship Team will continue to meet twice monthly on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 2:00 – 3:00 PM. Each focused session will provide a short overview of the topic, cover frequently asked questions, and open the floor for participant Q&A. General sessions remain open for any apprenticeship-related questions or technical assistance.
    ➢ **8/12/2025:** Focused: Apprenticeship Planning and Implementation
    ➢ **8/26/2025:** Focused: RSI and FTES
    ➢ **9/9/2025:** General Session
    ➢ **9/23/2025:** Focused: CAI Grant Administration
    ➢ **10/14/2025:** General Session
    ➢ **10/28/2025**: General Session
    ➢ **11/11/2025:** No Session (Veterans Day)
    ➢ **12/9/2025:** Focused: Employer Engagement

> ➢ **12/23/2025:** General Session

- ▪ Apprenticeship toolkits are now available in the resources section of **our webpage**.

- ▪ **Please address any questions to apprenticeship@cccco.edu.**

❖ **Economic and Workforce Development (EWD)**

The Workforce and Economic Development (WEDD) division review of the Industry Driven Regional Collaborative (IDRC) letter of interest has been completed. The list of awardees has been released to the field. This year's IDRC grant cycle was highly competitive, with 51 strong and innovative submissions received from across the state. The EWD team greatly appreciates the time, effort, and commitment demonstrated by all applicants in support of advancing workforce education and regional industry alignment.

Unfortunately, due to limited available resources, not all eligible proposals could be funded. We recognize the strength and merit of many submissions and sincerely regret that we were unable to support every deserving application.

The next step in the award process is formal approval of the grants by the Board of Governors at their September 15th meeting. In preparation, communication has begun with selected awardees to request up-to-date contact information.

Following board approval, the EWD team will provide detailed guidance for completing the required facesheets, workplans, and budgets in the NOVA system. The Chancellor's Office IDRC award announcement can be found **here.**

Employer Engagement:

- The final narrative questions have been added into NOVA for both Perkins V and Employer Engagement (EWD) within the Quarter 4 respective reporting sections. With this update, the Quarter 4 fiscal, narrative, and invoicing due date have been extended to allow responses by **Tuesday, September 30, 2025**.

- After fiscal reporting and invoicing is complete, RCs will confirm all Employer Engagement balances to re-allocate for the 2025-26 fiscal year **by Friday, October 3, 2025**.

- As a friendly reminder, **all fiscal reporting and invoices must be submitted** as the reallocation process does not allow individual plans to be opened.

- Employer Engagement invoice template was emailed to the Regional Chairs to complete for advance payment. Please contact Abigail Singleton at **asingleton@cccco.edu** if you have any questions re: completion of the advance payment template.

Centers of Excellence:

The Centers of Excellence were recently provided a Year One narrative template to capture the progress/activities during the performance period January 2024-December 2024. The EWD team is working with Product Ops to modify changes in NOVA and COE Directors will be provided guidance for reporting financial information in NOVA when the system is accessible.

- **Please address any questions to Katie Gilks at <u>kgilks@cccco.edu</u>.**

❖ **High Road Construction Careers (HRCC) Partnerships Grants**

- **Announcements**
  - ➢ 2024-25 Q3 fiscal reports (in NOVA) were due for **Round 1** grantees on **April 30, 2025**. Please ensure any outstanding reports are submitted.
  - ➢ 2024-25 Q4 fiscal reports (in NOVA) and 2nd milestone invoices were due for **Round 2** grantees on **July 31, 2025**. Please ensure any outstanding reports are submitted.

- **Upcoming Dates**
  - ➢ **9/8/25:** Quarterly Project Check-In meeting from 1-2pm for all grantees
  - ➢ **10/31/25:** NOVA report for 2025-26 Q1 for **Round 1** grantees
  - ➢ **12/5/25:** Student-level data submittal due for all program participants from the beginning of the grant through the Fall 2025 term.

- **Please address any questions to Jen Carnine at <u>jcarnine@cccco.edu</u>.**

❖ **K12 Strong Workforce Program (SWP)**

- Finalizing revisions to the Round 8 RFA Draft and supporting documents.

- Waiting on allocation calculations.

- Round 8 RFA is expected to be released on **August 8. 2025**.
  - ➢ Bidders Conference is tentatively scheduled for **August 27, 2025,** at **1:30 PM**.
  - ➢ Applications must be received by **5:00 PM** on **Friday, October 10, 2025**.

- Round 7 First Progress and Expenditure Report due **August 29, 2025**
  - ➢ Reporting Period: January 2025 through June 2025

- Year 6 PC/TAP Final report due **September 30, 2025**

- **Please address any questions to Javier Cazares at <u>jcazares@cccco.edu</u>.**

❖ **Nursing and Allied Health**

- **Allied Health**
  - FY2024-25 (Jan. 1 to July 30, 2025) Spring/Summer clinical placement reports due in NOVA on **September 30, 2025**.

- **Nursing: Enrollment Growth and Retention**
  - Enrollment Growth & Retention Grant
    - Fiscal Report due on:
      - **July 31, 2025**
        - FY2023-24 Report 4
        - FY2024-25 Report 2
      - **August 31, 2025**
        - FY2023-24 Final Report
  - FY2025-26 Plan due in NOVA on **August 29, 2025**.

- **Please address any questions to nursingapps@cccco.edu.**

❖ **Perkins V**

- **August 31, 2025:** Title 1C-Final reporting due, and last date to liquidate Perkins funds for FY 2024-25 in NOVA.

- Perkins Team will conduct a pre-conference session (Data Quality Institute) on October 20, 1:00 pm- 5:00 pm.

- Final allocation for FY 2025-26 has been received from CDE and disbursed to local districts.

- **Methods of Administration (MOA):** The 2025 MOA Review is still underway.

- **Perkins Funding: Call to Action:** The *Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE)* has issued a critical **Call to Action,** urging advocates to **contact their congressional representatives** regarding the transfer of administrative responsibility for CTE funding from the US Department of Education to the US Department of Labor and the potential delayed release of Perkins V funding.

- **Please address any questions to perkinssupport@cccco.edu**

❖ **Regional Equity and Recovery Partnerships (RERP)**

- **Announcements**

- 2024-25 Q4 fiscal reports (in NOVA) and 6th milestone invoices were due on **July 18, 2025**. Please ensure any outstanding reports are submitted.

- **Upcoming Dates:**
  - **9/29/25:** Last Quarterly Project Check-In meeting from 2-3 pm for community college grantees
  - **9/30/25:** Grant ends
  - **10/31/25**: Final NOVA report, final student-level data collection, and final invoices due

- **Please address any questions to Jen Carnine at jcarnine@cccco.edu.**

❖ Strong Workforce Program (SWP)

- **OCRC Monthly Meeting 3rd Thursday of each month**

- **SWP Fiscal Reporting Reminders**
  - 2023-24 Allocation
    - Reporting Period 1/1/2025 - 6/30/2025
    - **Q4/Final Due 8/15/2025**
  - 2024-25 Allocation
    - Reporting Period 1/1/2025 – 6/30/2025
    - **Q4 Due 8/15/2025**

- **2023-2024 (Round 8) Allocation**
  - Expenditure timeframe expired 6/30/2025.
  - Extensions will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
  - Extension requests must include:
    - Exact amount of unspent funds
    - Explanation of unspent funds
    - Detailed plan to expend unspent funds
    - Expenditure timeframe outlining the length of the request
      - To extend a current certified project plan, simply decertify the project plan, add "Extension Approved" to the title, and resubmit for certification.
      - To extend any remaining funds from completed project plans, a new project plan must be submitted in NOVA to budget the unspent funds as soon as possible with the expired allocation year selected in the "Select the funding year for this plan" section. Include "Extension Approved" in the project plan title.
    - If the request is to extend currently certified project plans, after extension approval, simply decertify the project plans, add "Extension Approved" to the title, and submit for recertification. Fiscal reporting is due as soon as the funds have been expended. Fiscal reporting can be submitted in the FY2024-25 Q4/Final reporting tab.

- For extensions longer than six months, **an additional third year must be added to the number of fiscal years the plan will span** before submitting for recertification. Fiscal reporting can be submitted in the FY2025-26 Q2, Q4/Final as necessary.
  - Fiscal reporting remains due for Q2 and Q4 as scheduled
    - **Q2: 2/15/2026 due date** for expenditures spanning 7/1/25 -12/32/25
    - **Q4/Final: 8/15/2026 due date** for expenditures spanning 1/1/26 – 6/30/26

- **2025-26 Allocation**
  - Allocation memo was released on 7/24. It has been added to the **WEDD Memos** website.
  - Regional/Local project plans to allocate all funds are due in NOVA by **October 31, 2025**.
  - Regional Monitor review/approval is due **December 1, 2025**.

- Unallocated and unspent balances are reported to the Legislative Analyst Office and Department of Finance as requested.

- **Please address any questions to strongworkforcehelpdesk@cccco.edu**