April 2025
Workforce & Economic Development Division
Program Updates

❖ **Workforce & Economic Development Division Resources**

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- **2024-25 Edition California Community Colleges Compendium of Allocations and Resources**
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❖ **California Adult Education Program (CAEP)**

- Consortium Fiscal Administration Declaration (CFAD) Due May 2, 2025

- 2025-2028 Three-Year Plan due June 20, 2025

- 2025-2026 Annual Plan due August 15, 2025

- **ELL Healthcare Pathways**
  - ➢ Round 1, year 2: Q2- Biannual Reporting is due 3/31/2025.
  - ➢ Round 2, year 1: Q2 - Biannual Reporting is due 3/31/2025.
  - ➢ To access reporting deadlines, click this **link**.
  - ➢ Program staff are working on the grant agreements and will be reaching out to fiscal agent contacts once agreements are ready to be routed for signatures.
  - ➢ Grantees will be able to invoice for 60% of funds once the grant agreement has been signed and executed.

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

❖ **California Apprenticeship Initiative (CAI)**

- Grants awarded during the December 2021 RFA shall plan to wrap up their grants (reporting period 4/1/22-6/30/25).

- **Upcoming Training Opportunities**
  - ➢ California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) Systemwide Webinar
    - • **Topic:** Best Practices from a California Community College Apprenticeship Program with a Student Perspective

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- **Date:** April 2nd from 9:00AM-10:00AM via Zoom
- **Webinar Registration - Zoom**

- **California Community College Association for Occupational Education (CCCAOE) Spring Conference**
  - ➢ Apprenticeship Pathways Demonstration Project (APDP) Pre-Conference Session
    - **Topics:** Apprenticeship Data and Student Coding
    - **Date:** April 8, 1:00PM-3:00PM at the Hyatt Regency in Sacramento
    - **Spring CCCAOE Pre-Conference Session: Advancing Apprenticeship 2.0**
  - ➢ Funding and Support
    - **Topics:** RSI/FTES, CAI, and DAS Funding Sources
    - **Date:** April 10, 8:30AM-9:20AM
    - **Accelevents**

- **Chancellor's AI Fellows Inaugural Cohort Launches April 2025**

The California Community College Chancellor's Office in collaboration with the Digital Center for Innovation, Transformation, and Equity (Digital Center) has completed the selection process for our inaugural cohort of AI Fellows. This program aims to advance the thoughtful and equitable integration of AI across the California community colleges by promoting innovation in teaching, learning, operational efficiency, and student support.

Program Overview

AI Fellows will play a crucial role in shaping the future of AI implementation across California's 116 community colleges. Fellows will work collaboratively with the Digital Center team, faculty, staff, and administrators to develop frameworks, guidelines, and resources that support the responsible adoption of AI technologies while maintaining our commitment to equity and student success.

Fellowship Details

- **Duration:** Two-year appointment with possibility of renewal
- **Time Commitment:** 10-15 hours per week | 25% to 37.5% time
- **Location:** Remote with occasional in-person meetings
- Some travel to attend conferences for presentations and to facilitate trainings

Recommended Focus Areas:

1. AI in Teaching and Learning - Focus on supporting faculty and instructional design
2. AI Student Support Services - Focus on AI applications that directly benefit students and ensure AI implementations are accessible to all users and follow universal design principles
3. AI Research and Innovation - Identify and evaluate new AI opportunities

4. AI Workforce Development - Focus on preparing students from diverse and traditionally underserved backgrounds to participate in programs for AI driven changes in various industries and workforce programs

5. AI Professional Development and Training - Focus on building AI literacy and capacity among faculty and staff across the system

6. AI Assessment and Learning Analytics - Leveraging AI for improved evaluation and data-driven decision making

7. AI Infrastructure, Technical Configuration and/or API Integration - Focus on the technical aspects of implementing AI solutions across the system

Questions

Submit any questions about the AI Fellows program to **aifellows@cccco.edu**.

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

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

- Staff are currently working on updates with the NOVA team to modify the reporting and expenditure reports for Center of Excellence Grants. Guidance will be provided to the COE Directors as soon as the system is accessible. The timeline for the NOVA updates should be complete by April 21.

- **Please address any questions to Katie Gilks at kgilks@cccco.edu.**

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

- **Announcements**
  - ➢ 2024-25 Q2 fiscal reports (in NOVA) were due for **Round 2** grantees on 1/31/25. If you have not submitted these items, please do so straightaway.
  - ➢ Please attend the APDP and HRCC breakout session at CCCAOE. Fresno City College will be participating in the session on 4/10/25 from 9:30-10:20am to share how HRCC is working towards CPL with the Building Trades.

- **Upcoming Dates**
  - ➢ 4/30/25 - NOVA report for 2024-25 Q3 due for **Round 1** grantees
  - ➢ 6/2/25 - Quarterly project check-in meeting from 1-2 pm for all grantees
  - ➢ 7/31/25 - NOVA report for 2024-25 Q4 and 2nd invoice due for **Round 2** grantees

- **Please address any questions to Dean LaCandice Ochoa at lochoa@cccco.edu.**

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

- The K12 SWP program has completed the application process for round seven applications, and award notices were sent out by each region to the successful applicants (LEAs). The performance period for Round 7 K12 awards is January 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027.

  The NOVA application re-opened January 13, 2025, for those regions who have elected to have an additional competitive round (Round 7B) to administer any remaining funds in their region. Round 7B closed on February 28th, 2025. Applications will be scored by the K-12 Selection Committee and deliberations concluded on March 31, 2025. Round 7B award announcements will be made by April 11, 2025.

  The table below shows the distribution of Regional Funding available for Round 7 K12 SWP awards:

REGION	2024-25 Regional Allocation
Bay Area (Cabrillo)	$29,415,025
Central/Mother Lode (Kern)	$21,549,421
Inland Empire/Desert (Riverside)	$19,002,516
Los Angeles (Pasadena Area)	$24,852,829
North/Far North (Butte)	$19,965,840
Orange County (Rancho Santiago)	$11,497,537
San Diego/Imperial (Grossmont-Cuyamaca)	$13,961,751
South Central Coast (Santa Barbara)	$9,755,081
TOTAL	**$150,000,000**

- The **K12 SWP Round 7** formal intent to award memo is expected to be released by the end of April.

- **Round 4 LEA closeout memo**: A memo will be distributed to the regions to provide guidance to the Fiscal Agents charged with managing and administering the K12 Strong Workforce Program funding for the region related to Round Four awards. Staff anticipate release of the guidance memo by the end of April.

- **Please address any questions to Javier Cazares at jcazares@cccco.edu.**

❖ **Nursing and Allied Health**

- **Nursing Enrollment and Retention Grant**
  - No Updates

- **Rebuilding Nursing Infrastructure Grant (RNI)**
  - RFA applications were due on Feb. 28. Readers are currently reviewing applications.

- **Allied Health**

- No Updates

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

❖ **Perkins V**

- **Save-The-Date: Introduction to the California Postsecondary Perkins V Manual and Grants Guidance Updates, May 2025 Webinar:**
  - Please join us for the introduction of the California Postsecondary Perkins V Manual on Wednesday, May 28th from 10:00-11:45am.
  - Register **HERE** for this webinar
  - For questions regarding this event, please contact the Perkins V Team at **perkinssupport@cccco.edu**.

- Quarter 3 fiscal reporting is now available for expenditure for expenditure and programmatic entry. Reports are due April 15th. (**WEDD Regional Monitors webpage**)

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

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

- **Announcements:**
  - 2024-25 Q2 fiscal reports (in NOVA) and 5th milestone invoices were due 1/20/25. If you have not submitted these items, please do so straightaway.

- **Upcoming Dates**
  - 4/28/25 - Quarterly project check-in meeting from 2-3 pm for community college grantees
  - 7/18/25 - NOVA report for 2024-25 Q4 and 6th milestone invoices due
  - 7/28/25 - Quarterly project check-in meeting from 2-3 pm for community college grantees
  - 9/30/25 - Grant ends
  - 10/31/25 - Final NOVA report and invoices due

- **Please address any questions to Dean LaCandice Ochoa at lochoa@cccco.edu.**

❖ **Strong Workforce Program**

- **SWP 2024-2025 Allocation**
  - Project plans to budget the full allocation were due in NOVA by October 31, 2024
  - Monitor Approval was due by November 30, 2024.
  - Any unallocated funds for FY24-25 must be budgeted in NOVA immediately.

- **SWP Fiscal Reporting Reminders**
  - ➢ 2023-24 Allocation
    - Reporting Period 7/1/2024 - 12/31/2024
    - Q2 Due 2/15/2025
  - ➢ 2024-25 Allocation
    - Reporting Period 7/1/2024 - 12/31/2024
    - Q2 Due 2/15/2025

- **2022-2023 (Round 7) Allocation Extensions**
  - ➢ Regions/Districts/Colleges may submit extension requests to the Regional Monitor via email.
  - ➢ Extension requests must include:
    - Explanation of remaining funds
    - Description of the proposed reallocation of funds
    - Expenditure timeframe outlining the length of the request.
    - Extensions may be granted through 6/30/2025.
    - A new project plan must be submitted in NOVA as soon as possible with the expired allocation year selected in the **"Select the funding year for this plan"** section.
    - Extension approved project plan titles need to be updated to include "3rd Year Extension Granted.
    - Fiscal reporting remains due for Q2 and Q4 as scheduled (Q2 – 2/15/2025 and Q4/Final - 8/15/2025).

- **2023-2024 (Round 8) Allocation**
  - ➢ Expenditure timeframe expires 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

- Unallocated and Unspent balances are reported to the Department of Finance as requested.

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