

REGIONAL K-16 EDUCATION COLLABORATIVES GRANT PROGRAM

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Regional K-16 Education Collaborative – Planning Grant due September 1, 2022 \$100,000 - \$250,000 planning award, up to \$20 million for implementation grants

This program provides funding for new pathways to careers as part of a statewide effort for strengthening education-to-career pathways, and ensuring that education, vocational, and workforce programs provide broader access to employment opportunities for all students. A total of \$250 million will be awarded in all 13 CERF regions with the first [\\$108.6 awarded last month](#) for six regions each receiving \$18.1 million each. The program requires participation from at least one UC campus, one CSU campus, one Community College District and one K12 District. The Central Coast CERF region has not yet submitted a proposal. UCSB, UCSC, and WestEd are leading the proposal planning process. The application for the next round of planning grants will be released on September 1st with applications due on October 28, 2022.

It is important that our regional colleges have a voice in the planning process for this important opportunity to transform and improve education and workforce efforts.

Community Economic Resilience Fund – due July 25, 2022 - \$5 million planning grant

This program will award a total of \$65 million to the CERF regions as a workforce development effort to bolster economic resiliency and increase access to quality jobs. Each proposal requires stakeholder participation from labor, business, community groups, local governments, economic development entities, and educational institutions. Proposals are due on Monday July 25, 2022 with notices of intent due June 22nd. The SCCRC has counties in both the Central Coast and Los Angeles CERF regions. The initial planning grants will provide \$5 million dollars for each region. I am meeting with regional WDB's, Ventura/Santa Barbara EDC, REACH, and Monterey Peninsula Economic Partnership (MPEP) next week to discuss planning and the appropriate role for the SCCRC.





NSF Regional Innovation Engines (NSF Engines) – LOI June 30 - \$160 million

\$160 million NSF Engines proposal being developed by UC Ag and Natural Resources as part of a statewide submission titled “The California Climate Smart AgriFood Innovation Engine”. This new program is a ten-year grant supporting workforce development and market commercialization and technology support for colleges. Activities will support food production and innovation including AI, Robotics, Synthetic Biology, and Food Tech. Activities will be targeted on the Central Coast, Inland Empire, and Central Valley. Vice Chancellor Sandra Sanchez has reached out the regional chairs in these regions to solicit interest from individual colleges,