

February 2024 Workforce & Economic Development Division Program Updates

❖ Chancellor's Office Updates

The Workforce & Economic Development Division, in conjunction with our larger division, Equitable Student Learning, Experience and Impact Office (ESLEI) led by Executive Vice Chancellor Aisha Lowe, PhD., has released the first monthly newsletter! The purpose of the ESLEI Monthly Newsletter is to disseminate recent higher level program updates, memos, upcoming events, and pending legislation for the Office of Equitable Student Learning, Experience, and Impact (ESLEI) to external stakeholders.

Please follow the attached [February 2024 ESLEI Monthly Newsletter](#) to view this month's Chancellor Office updates!

❖ CAEP Deep Dive Research

The Chancellor's Office has contracted with a team of national and international experts on adult education and noncredit programming. This team did an extensive quantitative review of outcomes data from the 71 adult education regional consortia and selected seven consortia with strong outcomes to participate in on-site qualitative review of program features at those consortia to uncover promising best practices that we can lift up statewide for other adult education practitioners to emulate.

A national briefing on the findings will be held on **February 26, 2024, at 10:00 – 11:00 am** in which the report will be showcased with the United States Department of Education and other states. [Click here to register!](#)

❖ California Adult Education Program (CAEP)

- \$130 M Healthcare Pathways Funding
 - Round One (FY23-24) Grantees have been finalized. [Intent to Award Memo](#) has been released.
- FY 24-25 CAEP Preliminary Allocations Memo and Schedule to be released no later than February 28, 2024.

- Reminder: We are in the middle of tracking year one (FY 23-24) of AB 1491 carryover compliance. CAEP Members, including colleges, should be monitoring their carryover balances. For additional information, refer to the [policy guidance](#) issued February 28, 2023.

❖ **California Apprenticeship Initiative (CAI)**

- **Request for Applications (RFA)**
 - RFA for up to \$40M in CAI grants is closed.
 - CO has received 211 Applications.
 - CO has begun the Application review process.
 - Awardees will be informed shortly.
 - **FAQ document** is posted on the website

❖ **Related and Supplemental Instruction Hourly Reimbursement (RSI)**

▪ **ReCal Report**

- Was due in NOVA on **Nov 1**.
- RSI Reporters received a confirmation of hours reported email in late November to ensure hours were reported accurately.
- FY 22-23 RSI Outcomes were posted January 31, 2024 via WEDD Memo.
 - <https://www.cccco.edu/-/media/CCCCO-Website/docs/memo/ESLEI-24-08-FY-22-23-Apprenticeship-Related-and-Supplemental-Instruction-Required-Reporting.pdf?la=en&hash=0EEF2D8276E69AAED8750F1A5740100D04E55F9B>
- FY23-24 List of Program Sponsors & Occupations will be updated in March 2-24. Please do not complete P2 until after receiving notification that the update has been completed.

❖ **Apprenticeship Pathway Demonstration Project (APDP)**

▪ **Round 1**

- Round 1 is approved by BOG (Board of Governors).
- NOVA work plans will be available soon.
 - Nova training webinar schedule TBD.
- Agreements will be routed for signature ASAP.

- **Round 2**

- Round 2 Applications are closed.
- All applications were accepted. An Intent to Award notice will be posted in February 2024.
- NOVA work plans will be available soon.
 - Nova training webinar schedule TBD and will align with Round 1 training.
- Agreements to be routed for signature.
- Start February 2024.

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

- **Regional Centers of Excellence**

No new updates

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

- **Round 2 Letter of Intent Funding Opportunity**

- The Round 2 Letter of Intent was released on 11/27/23; applications are due on 3/1/24 at 11:59pm.
- \$5.2M of the \$9.5M for HRCC remains and is available for the Round 2 Funding Opportunity.
- Office hours will be held February 12-16, 2024, every day from 9-10 am and 4-5pm.

Reference: [Round 2 Letter of Intent Funding Opportunity – High Road Construction Careers Partnerships Grants Memorandum](#)

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

The Chancellors Office has completed the K12 Strong Workforce Round Six application and award process. The formal letter of intent for Round 6 awardees memo can be found at [K12 SWP - 2023-2024 Round Six Intent to Award](#). The North Far North (NFN) Regional Consortium is administering a competitive grant application to distribute their remaining funding, Round 6B, to eligible grant recipients. The NFN will complete this process by March 31, 2024.

❖ Nursing and Allied Health

▪ Nursing Enrollment and Retention Grant

- No updates at this time.

▪ Allied Health

- No updates at this time.

❖ Perkins V Updates

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- Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment and Local Application guidance memo forthcoming. Stay tuned!
- Should you require additional support for past due reporting, please be sure to reach to contact your [regional monitor](#) with any questions. Past due submissions can have negative impacts on local activities implementation and further student outcomes.

❖ Strong Workforce Program Updates

▪ SWP Local Share Vision Aligned Reporting (VAR) User Manual

- In spring 2020, the Chancellor's Office convened a cross-functional internal working group to design and pilot a new, comprehensive program reporting structure and process that would:
 - Maximize colleges' time and resources;
 - Enable institutions to evaluate, learn and evolve to better support student success;
 - Make it easier for decision-makers to interpret and act on data from our institutions; and
 - Activate Vision for Success core commitments and achieve the Vision 2030 goals.
- The purpose of the manual is to provide a short summary of the project, answer basic questions, and provide program-specific information. It should be used in conjunction with the more general VAR User Manual.

- **SWP 2.0 (2021-22) Allocation**
 - Expired **December 31, 2023**.
 - All funds are required to be fully expended by 12/31/2023. Reporting for expenditure period July – December 2023 is due on **February 15, 2024**.

- **SWP 2.0 (2023-2024) Allocation**
 - All 2023-2024 SWP plans should be entered in NOVA and funds fully allocated.

- **New 4-Year Regional SWP Plans**
 - Due by **January 31, 2024**.
 - **Plans will be uploaded to NOVA in the 4-Year Regional Plans section.**

- **Holdback of Funds**
 - For districts and colleges who did not enter plans in the NOVA system to fully expend prior Round 1-5 allocations, distribution of the district's full FY 2023-24 allocation will be delayed until this process is completed. Districts impacted by hold back of FY 2023-24 funds were contacted directly by Chancellor's Office Strong Workforce Program Dean, LaCandice Ochoa.
 - Districts affected by hold back funds have been directed to submit new plans allocating expired funds by October 31st, 2023. Monitors will have until November 30th to approve plans. If expired funds are allocated by the deadline, full 2023-2024 allocation will be restored in P1 (February 2024).
 - Expired funds guidance: • The Chancellor's Office will allow districts to expend expired funding for a period of up to 12 months as approved by the Regional Monitor within the NOVA system. Semi-Annual reporting will be required after Monitor approval.
 - **Rounds 1-4 SWP 1.0 (Allocation years 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20) (Expired Funds)**
 - Create SWP 1.0 Plan in NOVA to expend funds.
 - **Round 5 SWP 2.0 (2020-21) (Expired Funds)**
 - Create SWP 1.0 Plan to expend expired funds.

- **SWP Reporting Reminders**

- All SWP reporting deadlines can be found on the program's webpage under the 'Planning and Reporting Dates' section:
<https://www.cccco.edu/About-Us/Chancellors-Office/Divisions/Workforce-and-Economic-Development/Strong-Workforce-Program>.