



South Central Coast Regional Consortium (SCCRC)

K12 Strong Workforce Program FY 2024-25

SCCRC Selection Committee Process

The most challenging aspect of our grant selection process is that available funding cannot meet the total requests from applicants. While we aim to support all Local Education Agencies (LEAs), limited funds require a competitive process to decide which applications to fund and at what level. In every SCCRC K12 SWP funding round, requests have consistently exceeded resources, forcing the Selection Committee to make tough decisions. The following sections outline our selection process, address funding allocation challenges, and provide appeal guidelines.

SELECTION COMMITTEE & APPLICATION PROCESSES

A *Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality Policy* was reviewed and signed by each Selection Committee member prior to their participation. Members then completed mandatory onboarding and training sessions, followed by a deliberation process, amounting to a minimum commitment of 8 hours. The onboarding and calibration sessions were facilitated by the K14 Technical Assistance Provider (K14 TAP) of the SCCRC.

Each application was first screened for eligibility using a checklist with the *SCCRC's Selection Criteria* and *Positive Considerations* as outlined in the RFA. Applications deemed eligible were distributed to five Selection Committee members outside their represented sub-regions for review. The review process adhered strictly to the Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality Policy, requiring members to read and score applications independently. To support the reviewers, the Selection Committee Co-Chairs and the K14 TAP facilitated weekly virtual Focus Groups. These sessions provided technical assistance for NOVA scoring and guidance on applying the SCCRC's Selection Criteria.

Reviewers' scores for each application were averaged to determine the overall score. Applications were required to have an average score of 75 or higher and meet the *SCCRC's Selection Criteria* to be considered eligible for funding. As a result of this rigorous evaluation process, 12 of the 14 applications submitted were eligible for funding.

DELIBERATION

The virtual deliberation process was led by the Selection Committee Chairs with a slidedeck guiding the process and began when 75% super-majority quorum was met. After four funding options were presented by the Selection Committee Co-Chairs, Robert's Rule of Order was used to determine which funding option(s) the Selection Committee would vote on. Each Selection Committee member had the opportunity to *motion* and *second* any of the four funding options.



For those options which had both a motion and second, Selection Committee members then voted “yes” or “no” within the chat. A 75% super-majority consensus was required for approval.

FUNDING OPTIONS

Option 1	<i>All eligible applications funded equally at 78%</i>	✓ Motion ✓ Second X ELIMINATED: Did not achieve super-majority voting
Option 2	<i>Funding based on each subregion’s allocation of \$1,254,673 per College</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3 N LA County applications 2 Colleges Funded at 48% ▪ 3 SB/SLO Counties applications 3 Colleges Funded at 96% ▪ 6 Ventura County applications 3 Colleges Funded at 97% 	X ELIMINATED
Option 3	<i>Fully fund top scoring application then equal among remaining at 77%</i>	X ELIMINATED
Option 4	<i>Funding by average score within 4 scoring bands</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 91% (90 to 100 pts) ▪ 81% (85 to 89.9 pts) ▪ 71% (80 to 84.9 pts) ▪ 61% (75 to 79.9 pts) 	✓ Motion ✓ Second ✓ CONFIRMED: Achieved super-majority voting

FINAL DECISION

A total of 14 applications were submitted, of which 13 met the eligibility requirements outlined in the 2024–25 RFA and SCCRC Selection Criteria 1, 2, 5, and 6 (2024–25 RFA, p. 10). Of these, 12 achieved the minimum average score of 75 points, qualifying them for funding consideration. Following deliberations guided by SCCRC Selection Criteria 3 and 4, Funding Option 4 emerged as the sole option for a vote. Selection Committee members were given three voting choices: 1) Yes (thumbs up), 2) No (thumbs down), or 3) Abstain (no action). The committee achieved the required 75% super-majority consensus to approve Option 4 for K12 SWP Round 7 funding.

SCORES AND COMMENTS

Requests for reviewers’ scores and comments should be emailed to Dr. Holly Chavez, hchavez@vccd.edu and Dr. Giselle Bice, giselle.bice@canyons.edu with **K12 SWP Scores/ Comments Request** in the subject line. These will be available no earlier than Wednesday, December 4, 2024.

APPEALS

The decisions of the Selection Committee may be appealed in accordance with the grounds outlined in the RFA. However, questions regarding the reviewers' assessment of the application’s



compliance with the RFA do not constitute valid grounds for appeal unless a procedural error can be demonstrated.

The RFA's instructions for filing an appeal are copied below for those who believe their appeal meets the criteria.

Applicants who wish to appeal a grant award decision must submit a letter of appeal to the Regional Consortium for the region in which the application was submitted. The Regional Consortium must receive the letter of appeal, with a signature by the authorized person, by 5 p.m. Friday, December 13, 2024. Only e-mailed letters will be accepted. The final decision of the submitted appeals will be provided in writing by December 20, 2024.

Appeals shall be limited to the grounds that the K12 Selection Committee failed to correctly follow the specified processes for reviewing the application. The appellant must file a full and complete written appeal, including the issue(s) in dispute, the legal authority or other basis for the appeal position and the remedy sought. Incomplete or late appeals will not be considered. The appellant may not supply any new information that was not contained in the original application. The regional K12 Selection Committee has discretion to award an amount less than the requested amount based on an applicant's work plan, budget, number of students and/or teachers served as well as based on the committee's responsibility to ensure a portfolio of awards that best meets the needs of the region's economy and the intention of the legislation. ([RFA 2024-25, p. 22](#))

Appeals should be emailed to the South Central Coast Regional Consortium Chair, Dr. Holly Nolan Chavez, hchavez@vcccd.edu. Please place APPEAL in the subject line.



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Preliminary Awardees

Pathway Improvement Title	Lead Agency	Offer
Beyond the Capstone: Fostering Career-Connected Learning with iLEAD	iLEAD Hybrid	\$574,261
Building High-Quality, Equitable STEM Pathways in Health Care, Advanced Manufacturing, & Education	San Luis Obispo Co. Office of Education	\$1,221,760
Electrifying the Future: EV Maintenance and Repair	Ventura Unified	\$651,110
Empowering the Future Generation: AI Integration in ICT, Engineering, and Manufacturing	Career Education Center	\$1,622,000
Guadalupe Union School District; Increasing Equitable CTE Access for Students of Poverty - Phase II	Guadalupe Union Elementary	\$118,466
Innovating Pathways for Tomorrow	Antelope Valley Union High	\$1,620,908
Launching Students for Careers in Information and Communication Technologies	Architecture, Construction & Engineering Charter High (ACE)	\$51,746
Mentoring Tomorrow's Workforce: Bridging Elementary and High School Through Career Exploration	Conejo Valley Unified	\$29,756
Shaping Ventura County's Future with Career Training in Patient Care and Public Safety	Oxnard Union High	\$482,293
SOAR Soft-skill Opportunities Advancing Readiness	Conejo Valley Unified	\$276,944
Using AI and Virtual Reality to Prepare Underrepresented Students For A Rapidly Evolving Job Market	William S. Hart Union High	\$1,622,004
Workforce Ready: Catalyzing EL Success via Exposure, Access, and Work-Based Learning in CTE	Santa Barbara County ROP-North	\$1,483,833
	TOTAL	\$9,755,081