

# WORKFORCE SERVICES INFORMATION NOTICE

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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: WORKFORCE ACCELERATOR 3.0 GRANTS

The Employment Development Department announces, in coordination with the California Workforce Development Board (State Board) and the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, the awarding of 31 grants under the Workforce Accelerator Fund Grants (WAF) 3.0 grant solicitation.

The WAF 3.0 supports projects that bridge education and workforce gaps for targeted populations, and builds workforce system capacity through the following:

- **Collaboration** among partners in the development of service delivery strategies and alignment of resources to better connect disadvantaged and disconnected job seekers to employment.
- **Innovation** that creates new or adapts existing approaches, or accelerates application of promising practices in workforce development and skill attainment.
- **System change** that incentivizes the adoption of proven strategies that are sustained beyond the grant period.

The WAF 3.0 also funds projects that accelerate skill development and employment for individuals with barriers to employment, including the long-term unemployed, returning veterans, low-income workers, disconnected youth, individuals with disabilities, ex-offenders, and CalWORKs participants. The list of grant awardees is available on the [State Board website](#).

If you have any questions regarding the awards, please contact Taelor Stamm from the State Board at 916-657-1447 or via email at [Taelor.Stamm@CWDB.ca.gov](mailto:Taelor.Stamm@CWDB.ca.gov).

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