



# FRESNO REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Skills Development Council Meeting  
February 5, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m.

Workforce Connection  
3170 W. Shaw Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93711  
Conference Rooms 105/106

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ROLL CALL

AGENDA CHANGES: REMOVAL OF ITEMS OR EMERGENCY ADDITIONS

ABSTENTIONS/RECUSALS/DISCLOSURE OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

COUNCIL CHAIR/STAFF COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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1.	November 6, 2024, Skills Development Council Meeting Minutes	Konczal	Yes	Approve	4
2.	Growth Opportunities Grant Course Correct Program	Matthews	Yes	Recommend to Approve	9
3.	James Irvine Foundation Workforce Support 360° Project	Stogbauer	Yes	Recommend to Approve	10
4.	Aspen Leadership Academy	M. Espinosa	Yes	Information	11
5.	Individual Training Account Overview	Stogbauer	Yes	Information	12
6.	Special Grants Training Overview	Matthews	Yes	Information	14
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9.	Information Sharing	All	No	Discussion	--

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10.	May 7, 2025, Agenda Items.	Konczal	No	Discussion	--
11.	Meeting Feedback	Konczal	No	Discussion	--

**Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board  
Skills Development Council  
2024 Attendance Roster**

	<b>2/7/2024</b>	<b>5/1/2024</b>	<b>8/7/2024</b>	<b>11/6/2024</b>
Avila Grundfos Pumps	A	P	A	A
Dart Dart Realty	P	P	P	A
Hensley Hensley Associates	A	P	P	P
Miller Gazebo Gardens	A	A	A	P
Morgan Kaiser Permanente	P	P	P	P
Olivares TransAmerica	P	A	P	P
Vicente US Bank	P	A	P	P
Zabrycki* CAPTRUST	P	P	A	P
Zeitz Fresno County Economic Development Corporation	A	P	P	P

\* = Chairperson

P = Present

A = Absent

-- = Not a Ratified Member at Time of Meeting

XX = Meeting Cancelled

# FRESNO REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

AGENDA ITEM:	1
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ACTION:	APPROVE

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**TO:** Skills Development Council  
**FROM:** Blake Konczal, Executive Director  
**SUBJECT:** November 6, 2024, Skills Development Council Meeting Minutes

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the minutes of the November 6, 2024, Skills Development Council Meeting.

**ATTACHMENT:**

November 6, 2024, Skills Development Council Meeting Minutes



# FRESNO REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Skills Development Council  
November 6, 2024

## SUMMARY MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT – Jeff Hensley, Scott Miller (arrived at 4:06), Alisha Morgan, Joe Olivares, Sandra Vicente, Lydia Zabrycki, and Chris Zeitz

ABSENT – Stephen Avila and Douglas Dart

AGENDA CHANGES: None

ABSTENTIONS/RECUSALS/  
DISCLOSURES OF  
POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF  
INTEREST: None

COUNCIL CHAIR/ STAFF COMMENTS: Blake Konczal, Executive Director, Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB), shared that Directors Dart and Vicente were re-appointed to the FRWDB.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Item	Description/Action Taken
1.	<p><b><u>August 7, 2024, Skills Development Council Meeting Minutes</u></b></p> <p>Mr. Konczal presented the August 7, 2024, Skills Development Council (Council) meeting minutes for the Council's approval, or correction and approval.</p> <p><b>OLIVARES/MORGAN – APPROVED THE AUGUST 7, 2024, SKILLS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. (UNANIMOUS)</b></p> <p>Director Miller arrived (4:06 p.m.)</p>
2.	<p><b><u>Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Adult and Dislocated Worker Participant Training Report</u></b></p> <p>Phyllis Stogbauer, Senior Deputy Director, FRWDB, presented for the Council's recommendation, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult and Dislocated Worker Participant Training report for the period of July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2024. She provided the Council with background on the WIOA Adult and Dislocated Worker Participant Training Report, which included details of Senate Bill 734 that obligated local workforce boards to allocate 25% of WIOA Adult and Dislocated Worker formula allocations for workforce training services. These services included: Vocational Skills Training, Transitional Jobs (paid work experience), and On-the-Job Training activities. Ms. Stogbauer shared that the total training expenditures for July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2024, was \$3,209,451 and that the 30% requirement mandated by the state had been met.</p>

Director Hensley asked whether Transitional Job Training was the same as On-the-Job Training. Ms. Stogbauer clarified that Transitional Job Training was more like paid work experience, wherein the FRWDB and employers each pay 50% of the participants' salaries; and the FRWDB pays 100% of the salaries for On-the-Job Training.

Director Zabrycki asked if there was a formula that was used to distribute funds between the Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Special Projects departments. Ms. Stogbauer replied that there was, and that the formula percentage was based on how many individuals the providers were required to serve based on their contracts.

**OLIVARES/MORGAN – APPROVED THE WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT ADULT AND DISLOCATED WORKER PARTICIPANT TRAINING REPORT. (UNANIMOUS)**

**3. Eligible Training Provider List Monitoring Report**

Cheryl Beierschmitt, Deputy Director Fiscal Services, FRWDB, presented for the Council's recommendation, the Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) Monitoring Report for the First Quarter of Program Year (PY) 2024-2025. She explained that this report was being presented to this Council because training expenditures were being reviewed. Ms. Beierschmitt explained the four (4) elements of the monitoring process to the Council: Process Compliance, Performance Tracking and Results, Section 188 Compliance, and Case File Reviews. She indicated that monitoring of the following schools was completed during the First Quarter of PY 2024-2025: Fresno City College-Career and Technical Center, Kingsburg School of Dental Assisting, GRID Alternatives, and Reedley College. Ms. Beierschmitt stated that there were no findings for any of these schools to address.

Director Olivares asked what kind of training was being offered through Reedley College. Ms. Stogbauer replied that manufacturing, nursing, construction training, and a forestry program was being offered at this school.

**4. Individual Training Account Overview**

Tim Giles, Deputy Director Information and General Services, FRWDB, gave the Council an overview of the FRWDB's cumulative participant training activities and expenditures through the First Quarter of PY 2023-2024. Mr. Giles reviewed the industries in which participants were trained, the total number of individuals enrolled, how many participants completed these training programs, and how many were still actively training. He also clarified that the total Individual Training Account expenditures were paid out during the PY period, and not during the duration of training.

Mr. Giles also shared with the Council an overview of participants enrolled in training by gender, but indicated that the rural numbers were not correct, and that they would be corrected by the next quarter.

Mr. Konczal informed the Council that Mr. Giles would be retiring in two (2) weeks.

This was an information item.

5. **Special Grants Training Overview**

Ashley Matthews, Senior Special Projects Manager, FRWDB, spoke about the ValleyBuild Apprenticeship Readiness Program, the Greater Sierra Forestry Corps, and the multiple grants that fund these projects. Ms. Matthews shared a PowerPoint that included overviews of each special grant's regional performance progress. She also announced a new cohort under ValleyBuild with the California Indian Manpower Consortium, which will provide case management and supportive services consisting of food and clothing stipends; with the FRWDB providing supportive services for mileage, childcare, and needs-related payments.

Ms. Matthews also shared photos of ValleyBuild and ValleyBuild NOW graduations, Greater Sierra Forestry Corps activities, and flyers of upcoming events. Some of these events included the ValleyBuild Trade and Career and Technical Education Expo and National Apprenticeship Week activities, which were conducted in partnership with Kern Community College.

This was an information item.

6. **Discretionary Grants Report**

Ka Xiong, Program Manager, FRWDB, presented an overview of the discretionary grant funding for the Council's review. Ms. Xiong discussed the Quality Jobs, Equity, Strategy, and Training Grant, the Fresno Fatherhood Grant, the Regional Equity and Recovery Partnerships Grant, the Student Training and Employment Program 2.0 Grant, the Prison to Employment Grant, and the English Language Learner Integrated Education and Training Grant. In her overview, Ms. Xiong stated each grant's purpose, target population, and period of performance. Ms. Xiong indicated that each grant was at various stages of their grant cycle, as she discussed each grant's progress through September, 2024.

This was an information item.

7. **Overview of Staff Trainings**

Jose Espinoza, Training Manager, FRWDB, presented an overview of staff trainings scheduled for the First Quarter of PY 2023-2024. Mr. Espinoza updated the Council on the all-staff conference at Holland Park West and the staff trainings that had already occurred, including the mandatory Harassment Prevention and Workplace Violence Prevention training for all FRWDB staff. Director Olivares asked whether other training was mandatory. Mr. Espinoza replied that no other training was mandatory, and informed the Council of plans to develop a training calendar in 2025 that would be used to show which staff trainings were mandatory, based on staff roles, and which trainings offered certification

Director Vicente asked how the FRWDB produced topics for training. Mr. Espinoza replied that training topics were selected based on feedback from FRWDB staff, Employment Readiness Specialists, and Case Managers.

Director Vicente suggested the use of Artificial Intelligence training to improve staff efficiency. Chair Montalbano asked whether the Harassment Prevention training included Sexual Harassment training. Ms. Stogbauer replied that all forms of harassment were addressed, noting that FRWDB and providers each conduct training for their own staff. Chair Montalbano commented that the atmosphere at the all-staff conference was fun and enthusiastic, and that he thought everyone enjoyed it.

This was an information item.

8. **Information Sharing**

There were no Information Items to share.

9. **February 5, 2025, Agenda Items**

There were no items recommended for the February 5, 2025, Skills Development Council meeting agenda.

10. **Meeting Feedback**

There was no meeting feedback provided.

Meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

# FRESNO REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

AGENDA ITEM:	2
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**TO:** Skills Development Council

**FROM:** Ashley Matthews, Senior Manager Special Projects

**SUBJECT:** Growth Opportunities Grant Course Correct Program

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommend that the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB) approve the allocation of \$2,000,000 of The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) grant "Growth Opportunities - Round 5" funding as outlined below. Grant contract start date is March 1, 2025, for the duration of 42 months.

**REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:**

FRWDB applied for funding under the DOL ETA Growth Opportunities grant and was awarded \$2,000,000. The funding, aimed at violence prevention for justice-touched youth, will support the creation of the Course Correct program.

The Course Correct program's design is based on successful "Special Project" service deliveries. This will include a 6 (six) - phase process with customized service strategies for the targeted population, including partner referrals, customer assessments, violence prevention workshops, training and work experience opportunities, mentorship/leadership, supportive services, and job placement.

FRWDB staff is requesting that the Skills Development Council approve the following funding allocations and contract awards:

FAWIC – Administration	\$ 716,989
Contracts:	
IMAGO	\$ 107,800
Focus Forward	\$ 105,000
Center for Employment Opportunities	\$ 141,000
Career Nexus	\$ 135,000
Participant Pools	\$ 782,286
Other – Arise Handbook	\$ 11,925
Total	\$2,000,000

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**TO:** Skills Development Council

**FROM:** Phyllis Stogbauer, Senior Deputy Director

**SUBJECT:** James Irvine Foundation Workforce Support 360° Project

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommend that the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB) approve the allocation of \$500,000 from the James Irvine Foundation for the FRWDB Workforce Support 360° 24-month project.

**REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:**

The Workforce Support 360° will enhance the capacity of workforce development staff and strengthen collaboration with Community Based Organizations to facilitate better employment outcomes for low-wage workers and connect them with quality job opportunities and promote economic mobility in the region.

The Workforce Support 360° project will establish a Virtual Access Community Resource Library to provide comprehensive training and resources about available community services. In addition, the project includes the creation of a "Local Client Need Certification" staff training program to ensure that staff are equipped with the necessary skills to address the diverse needs of vulnerable populations.

FRWDB staff is requesting that the Skills Development Council recommend the FRWDB approve the following funding allocations and contract awards:

FRWDB Project Administration	\$124,964.00
Create Community Resource Library - IMAGO Inc.	\$200,000.00
Community Resources Library Website Development	\$11,500.00
Create Local Client Needs Staff Certification Training (TBD)	\$150,000.00
Conduct Focus Groups with Partners/Clients - TBD	\$6,000.00
Community Stakeholder Meetings	\$7,536.00
Total Funding Allocations	\$500,000.00

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<b>ACTION:</b>	<b>INFORMATION</b>

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**TO:** Skills Development Council  
**FROM:** Martha Espinosa, Deputy Director Marketing, Grants, and Business Initiatives  
**SUBJECT:** Aspen Leadership Academy

**INFORMATION:**

Martha Espinosa, Deputy Director Marketing, Grants, and Business Initiatives, Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board, will provide a presentation on the Aspen Leadership Academy.

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**AGENDA ITEM: 5**

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**TO:** Skills Development Council  
**FROM:** Phyllis Stogbauer, Senior Deputy Director  
**SUBJECT:** Individual Training Account Overview

**INFORMATION:**

This report is for the period of July 2024 – December 2024.

Industry	Enrolled	Completed	Active	Total ITA Expenditures
Accommodation and Food Services	3	2	1	\$18,412.33
Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping and Payroll	43	16	27	\$199,788.14
Administrative and Support Services	22	21	1	\$143,890.00
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	2	1	1	\$17,837.45
Automotive Services	1	0 <sup>a</sup>	1	\$0.00 <sup>b</sup>
Bus Driver	3	2	1	\$9,990.00
Construction	30	8	22	\$172,500.00
Energy	9	9	0 <sup>c</sup>	\$28,861.00
Health Care and Social Assistance	212	91	121	\$1,035,936.88
Information Service	41	26	15	\$205,977.37
Manufacturing	29	10	19	\$220,215.46
Marketing Analysis Services	2	2	0 <sup>c</sup>	\$4,692.50
Personal Care Services	1	1	0 <sup>c</sup>	\$3,750.00
Real Estate Rental and Leasing	1	1	0 <sup>c</sup>	\$2,667.00
Transportation and Warehousing	57	41	16	\$165,261.75
	<b>456</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>\$2,229,779.88</b>

a – No participants have completed the program during this period.

b – No funds have been expended for this activity yet.

c – No participants are currently active.

**Enrolled:** Training activities that were open at some point during the period, regardless of the begin date of the activity.

**Completed:** Training activities that ended during the period.

**Active:** Training activities that were open as of December 31, 2024.

**Expenditures:** The amount that has been paid for the shown activities, through December 31, 2024.

The following information is based on unique individuals

<b>Special Counts of Enrolled in Training (unique counts of individuals)</b>				
<b>Urban</b>	<b>Rural</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Not Disclosed</b>
326	122	202	246	0

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**TO:** Skills Development Council  
**FROM:** Ashley Matthews, Senior Manager Special Projects  
**SUBJECT:** Special Grants Training Overview

## **INFORMATION:**

Competitive grant funding opportunities enable the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB) to bring special workforce development projects to Fresno and surrounding counties. Through various funding sources, these projects aim to establish pathways to employment in Forestry and Construction and support the development of a resilient workforce.

## **ValleyBuild**

To provide skilled training to unemployed, underemployed and barriered individuals in the in-demand construction sector in partnership with 14 counties.

The ValleyBuild Apprenticeship Readiness Program consists of an intensive six (6)-week, full-time, Multi-Craft Core Curriculum (MC3) certified training in partnership with local Building Trade Councils providing hands-on skills training. Participants receive industry recognized certificates such as OSHA 10, CPR/First Aid, Forklift, and Hazardous Waste Awareness. Wrap-around job services such as physical training, resume development, mock interviewing and supportive services are provided to ensure a high rate of employment for students upon graduation. Enhanced services include a three (3) to four (4)-week preparatory "Bootcamp" and eight (8)-week paid work experience post MC3.

ValleyBuild currently operates under seven (7) active grants:

### **High Roads Construction Careers (HRCC) - High Road Recovery Partnership (HRRP) Round Two (Regional) \$185,000.00**

Purpose: FRWDB was awarded a \$185,000 contract under the Foundation for California Community Colleges' HRRP Phase Two grant to conduct an Apprenticeship Readiness Program Equity Study, and to work with the Yosemite Community College District to evaluate the FRWDB ValleyBuild MC3 program for college credits.

Target Population: N/A

Period of Performance: 12/13/2023 - 6/30/2025

### **High Road Construction Careers: Resilient Workforce Fund (Regional) \$8,825,127.00**

Purpose: The grant aims to advance careers in the building and construction trades as a reliable pathway to the middle class for disadvantaged Californians via multi-craft pre-apprenticeship training and promotes adoption of local hiring provisions in public construction contracts.

Target Population: Women, English Language Learners, Justice-involved, Youth, and under-resourced individuals.

Period of Performance: 06/01/2023 - 03/31/2026

ValleyBuild NOW State Earmark (Regional) \$3,000,000.00

Purpose: The grant will support the expansion of the ValleyBuild NOW (Non-Traditional Occupations for Women) program to more effectively serve low-income women and under-represented groups through specialized pre-apprenticeship training that will prepare them for careers in the building and construction trades by:

- Increasing opportunities for women and under-represented groups in the building and construction trades
- Adopting strategies that make participation in training possible for low-income women
- Supporting, encouraging, and coaching women throughout the apprenticeship phase of their new careers in construction

Target Population: Women and other underrepresented populations in the construction sector

Period of Performance: 04/01/2023 - 12/31/2025

Additional Deliverables:

- Hold two (2) annual conferences focusing on women in non-traditional work
- Create "Respectful Workplace" training for construction sector employer use

Good Jobs Challenge (Local) \$1,807,382.48

Purpose: The Fresno County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was awarded funding in partnership with the Fresno K-16 Collaborative, San Joaquin Valley Manufacturing Alliance, Generation USA, Madera Workforce Development Board, and FRWDB under the Economic Development Administration's American Rescue Plan Good Jobs Challenge. \$23,015,216 was awarded to Fresno County EDC to fund the project in the Central Valley. Serving as the construction backbone of the project, the FRWDB was awarded \$1,807,382.48 in grant funds to expand career opportunities for Americans to reach their full potential and secure good-paying jobs. Specifically, this funding will support the expansion of the ValleyBuild program and will prepare job seekers for careers in the building and construction trades.

Target Population: All

Period of Performance: 06/01/2023 - 09/30/2027

Equal Representation in Construction Apprenticeship (ERiCA) (Regional) \$2,000,000.00

Purpose: This grant seeks to improve access to training and employment opportunities for underserved populations in construction trades across all communities throughout the state, by providing supportive resources for childcare, along with outreach to and community building among underserved populations.

Target Populations:

- a. Pre-apprenticeship: This funding will go to California Division of Apprenticeship Standards (DAS) registered construction pre-apprenticeship programs that are providing direct support for parents/legal guardians who are pre-apprentices in construction careers. The amount awarded will be calculated as follows:
  - \$5,000 per eligible participant served within the grant period in a DAS registered pre-apprenticeship program.

- b. Apprenticeship: This funding will go to DAS registered construction apprenticeship programs hiring apprentices that are parents/legal guardians. The amount would be calculated as follows:
- \$10,000 per eligible participant served per year in a DAS registered construction apprenticeship program in which the apprentice was active within the grant period.

Eligible participants are those apprentices or pre-apprentices that are parents/legal guardians to children under the age of 18.

Period of Performance: 08/29/2023 - 06/30/2025

High Roads Construction Careers (HRCC) – State Community College Center District (Local) \$204,148.00

Purpose: FRWDB was awarded a \$204,148.00 contract under the State Center Community College District's HRCC grant to support the ValleyBuild Project with additional staffing and outreach events, including a career fair, women's conference trip, and National Apprentice Week event.

Target Population: N/A

Period of Performance: 10/1/24 - 6/20/2025

High Roads Training Partnership (HRTP) – California Legacy Well Service (CLWS) (Regional) \$40,000.00

Purpose: FRWDB was awarded a \$40,000.00 contract under the California Legacy Well Service's HRTP grant to conduct four (4), one (1)-week supplemental well-capping training for the ValleyBuild Cohorts planned in Kern County. Students will then be eligible for direct hire and/or work experience with CLWS.

Target Population: N/A

Period of Performance: 7/19/2023 – 3/16/2026

**Greater Sierra Forestry Corps**

Greater Sierra Forestry Corps (GSFC) is a partnership of private industry, workforce agencies, community colleges, organized labor, and environmental organizations committed to bringing additional resources to train new workers to deal with the ever-growing problem of dead and dying trees in the Greater Sierra. Partners include Mother Lode Job Training, Columbia College, Sierra Resource Management, Yosemite Adult School, CalFIRE Local 2881, National Federation of Federal Employees: Forest Service Council 2995, Associated California Loggers, Sierra Pacific Industries, TuCare, Tuolumne River Trust, Yosemite Stanislaus Solutions, and Sierra Resource Conservation District.

The program consists of an intensive three (3)-phase, (22-week), full-time training in partnership with local Conservation Corps and Adult Education providers delivering hands-on skills training. Participants receive industry recognized certificates listed below. Wrap around job services such as physical training, resume development, mock interviewing and supportive services are provided to ensure a high rate of employment for students upon graduation. Training time includes an eight (8)-week paid work experience.

Certifications:

NWCG-S-212, Wildland Fire Chainsaws

HAZWOPER-40

OSHA-10  
First Aid/CPR

NWCG Certifications:

S-212  
L-180  
S-190  
S-130  
FEMA-ICS-100  
FEMA-ICS-200  
FEMA-ICS-700  
FEMA-ICS-800

The GSFC currently operates under two (2) active grants:

CalFire Round 2 (Regional) \$1,973,614.60

Purpose: This funding will expand the GSFC model to provide valuable forestry training to 85 residents in Fresno County and the Mother Lode region, including but not limited to Amador, Calaveras, Mariposa, and Tuolumne counties.

Target Population: Adult, Dislocated Workers, and Youth

Period of Performance: 03/22/2023 - 03/31/2026

High Road Training Partnership- Resilient Workforce Fund (Regional) \$2,500,000.00

Purpose: The grant will support the development of a skilled workforce necessary to mitigate or adapt to climate disruption and environmental threats. Specifically, this funding will support the expansion of the GSFC program, a best practice model developed to recruit, train, provide work experience, and link local residents to quality entry-level jobs in the forestry sector.

Target Population: Adult, Dislocated Workers, and Youth

Period of Performance: 06/01/2023 - 03/31/2026

**Fresno Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Corps**

The Fresno County EMS Corps Alliance, a partnership including Fresno County EMS Agency, Valley Regional Occupational Program, American Ambulance, Fresno County Department of Probation, Fresno County Department of Public Health, Valley Children's Hospital, Fresno Hospital Council, and the FRWDB have come together to address the critical need for a well-structured EMS program. This will address the pressing demand for qualified EMS personnel, ensure that training is tailored to industry requirements, and concurrently address our community's substantial need for real career opportunities in growth sectors.

The EMS Corp model was created by Public Works Alliance and is funded through the Employment Development Department to expand the program sites throughout California.

**EMS Corps Planning Grant- (Local) \$181,820.00**

Purpose: The grant will support the activities needed to develop partnerships, create MOU, and staff/train the team overseeing the EMS Corps.

Target Population: N/A

Period of Performance: 08/24/2024 - 01/31/2027

**EMS Corps Implementation Grant- (Local) \$1,270,000.00**

Purpose: The purpose of the EMS Corps Program Year 2023-2024 funding is to design, develop, and implement programs incorporating data-driven strategies to increase the number of Emergency Medical Technicians throughout California.

Target Population: This program will be designed to focus on including young adult participants from disadvantaged or underrepresented backgrounds, especially those with experience in the justice system.

Period of Performance: 03/01/25- 04/30/27

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**TO:** Skills Development Council

**FROM:** Ka Xiong, Program Manager

**SUBJECT:** Discretionary Grants Report

**INFORMATION:**

Competitive grant funding opportunities enable the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB) to bring additional workforce development resources to Fresno and surrounding counties. Through various funding sources, these projects aim to establish pathways to employment in a variety of sectors and support the development of a resilient workforce.

**Quality Jobs, Equity, Strategy, and Training (QUEST) Grant - \$750,000.00**

Purpose: Provides targeted outreach to long-term unemployed and dislocated workers in Fresno County. The initiative supports employment equity and individual, community, and industry resilience as the nation prioritizes economic and employment recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Target Population: Long-Term Unemployed and Dislocated Workers

Period of Performance: October 1, 2022, to September 30, 2025

**Performance Updates through December 31, 2024:**

Project Total	Proposed Goal to Date	Actual To Date	Percentage
Enrollment	173	188	109%
Transitional Jobs	26	23	88%
Training	36	29	81%
Support Services	136	116	85%

Updates: Contract extension and budget redistribution approved. Reallocated budget to be able to provide more funds for participant training and supportive services.

**Fresno Fatherhood Grant - \$749,999.00**

Purpose: Provides a broad array of services to promote or sustain healthy marriage and relationships, strengthen positive father-child engagement, and improve employment and economic stability opportunities for adult fathers in Fresno County.

Target Population: Community fathers who have children ages 24 and younger

Period of Performance: Year Five (5): September 30, 2025, to September 29, 2026

**Performance Updates through December 31, 2024:**

FRWDB	Proposed Goal to Date	Actual To Date	Percentage
Enrollment	32	20	63%
Completed 90% or More of Fatherhood Workshops	25	21	84%
Completed Economic Stability Workshops	25	19	76%

Updates: Fatherhood Cohort #2 to end on February 26, 2025, and Cohort #3 slated to begin in mid-March, continue outreach in the rural communities, and begin planning for the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) annual Father Fest

**Regional Equity and Recovery Partnerships (RERP) – \$1,050,729.00**

Purpose: The RERP program seeks to enhance partnerships and collaboration between Workforce Development Boards and Community Colleges and improve job quality and access for Californians.

Target Population: English Language Learners, Homeless and Housing Insecure, Immigrants, Justice-Involved, People with Disabilities, Veterans, Out of School Youth, First Generation College Students, Residents of Disadvantaged Communities, Low-income Communities, Low-income Households, Dislocated Workers.

Period of Performance: December 1, 2022, to December 31, 2025

Target Industries: Construction, Manufacturing, Healthcare, Logistics

**Performance Updates through December 31, 2024:**

FRWDB	Proposed Goal to Date	Actual To Date	Percentage
Enrollment	25	30	120%
Training	20	14	70%
Completed Training	18	9	50%
Attained Certificate or Credential	11	9	82%
State Approved Apprenticeship	0	0	0%
Industry Sector Placement	5	1	20%
Non-Industry/Sector Placement	0	4	0%

Updates: Focusing on recruitment and enrollment into the program.

**Student Training and Employment Program 2.0 (STEP 2.0) Grant - \$745,001.80**

Purpose: Provides work experience, job preparation training, and job exploration for students with disabilities in collaboration with the Department of Rehabilitation.

Target Population: Students with Disabilities

Period of Performance: Year One (1): February 16, 2024, to December 31, 2024

**Performance Updates through December 31, 2024:**

America Works	Proposed Goal to Date	Actual To Date	Percentage
Enrollment	100	64	64%
Entered Work Readiness Workshop	100	63	46%
Completed Work Readiness Workshop	100	63	46%
Work Experience	100	46	46%

Updates: Closing out Year One (1) and planning for Year Two (2) activities.

**Prison to Employment (P2E) – \$719,723.00**

Purpose: Provides services to support personal development, training, and the employment needs of justice-involved and formerly incarcerated individuals in Fresno County.

Target Population: Justice-involved and formerly incarcerated

Period of Performance: July 11, 2023, to December 31, 2025

**Performance Updates through December 31, 2024:**

America Works	Proposed Goal to Date	Actual To Date	Percentage
Enrollment	44	42	95%

Updates: Budget modification was submitted in December. Focusing on increasing enrollment, training, developing transitional job opportunities, and job placement upon completion of training.

**English Language Learner (ELL) Integrated Education and Training (IET) Grant - \$3,330,000.00**

Purpose: Utilizes an Integrated Education and Training program model designed to integrate occupational skills training with adult education services. This project will increase access to career pathways and bridge educational gaps for ELLs with significant barriers to high quality employment to enter and advance in the workforce. The project focuses on three training pathways: Certified Nursing Assistant, Heavy Equipment Operators, and Wildland Firefighting

Target Population: ELLs

Period of Performance: October 03, 2023, to December 31, 2026

**Performance Updates through December 31, 2024:**

Centro La Familia	Proposed Goal to Date	Actual To Date	Percentage
Enrollment	45	36	80%
Enrolled in Integrated Education and Training	45	33	73%
Completed IET	34	15	44%
Exits	4	0	0%
Employed at Exit	15	0	0%

Updates: Certified Nursing Assistant Cohort #2: January 14, 2025, to May 24, 2025, 11 participants started

Wildland Firefighting Cohort #2: January 27, 2025, to March 24, 2025, 11 participants anticipated to start  
Heavy Equipment Operator Cohort #2: January 18, 2025, to March 15, 2025, 12 participants started.

# FRESNO REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

AGENDA ITEM:	8
MEETING DATE:	February 5, 2025
ACTION:	INFORMATION

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**TO:** Skills Development Council  
**FROM:** Jose Espinoza, Training Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Overview of Staff Trainings

**INFORMATION:**

The list below shows trainings that occurred during the Second Quarter of Program Year (PY) 2024-2025. These trainings were made available for Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board staff, Provider staff, and partner staff.

1. October 22<sup>nd</sup> - All Staff Conference
2. October 29<sup>th</sup> – Harassment Prevention Training
3. November 5<sup>th</sup> – Workplace Violence Prevention Training
4. November 13<sup>th</sup>- Time Management Training
5. December 4<sup>th</sup>- Leadership Development Training

The following trainings have occurred or will be offered during the Third Quarter of PY 2024-2025:

1. January 30<sup>th</sup> – Stress Management Training
2. February - Eligibility & Intake Procedures
3. March – Serving Priority Populations