



FRESNO REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Skills Development Council Meeting
November 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

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COUNCIL CHAIR/STAFF COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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**Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board
Skills Development Council
2025 Attendance Roster**

	2/5/2025	5/7/2025	8/6/2025	11/5/2025
Avila Trillium Flow Technologies	P	P	A	
Barnes State Cemter Federation of Teachers	--	--	A	
Dart Dart Realty	P	P	P	
Hensley Hensley Associates	P	P	P	
Miller Gazebo Gardens	P	A	A	
Olivares TransAmerica	P	P	P	
Vicente BMO Bank	P	A	P	
Zabrycki* CAPTRUST	A	P	P	
Zeitz Fresno County Economic Development Corporation	A	A	A	

* = Chairperson

P = Present

A = Absent

-- = Not a Ratified Member at Time of Meeting

XX = Meeting Cancelled

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AGENDA ITEM:	1
MEETING DATE:	November 5, 2025
ACTION:	APPROVE

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TO: Skills Development Council
FROM: Blake Konczal, Executive Director
SUBJECT: August 6, 2025, Skills Development Council Meeting Minutes

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the August 6, 2025, Skills Development Council Meeting.

ATTACHMENT:

August 6, 2025, Skills Development Council Meeting Minutes



FRESNO REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Skills Development Council
August 6, 2025

SUMMARY MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT – Douglas Dart, Jeff Hensley, Joe Olivares, Sandra Vicente, and Lydia Zabrycki

ABSENT – Steven Avila, Lacy Barnes, Scott Miller, and Chris Zeitz

AGENDA CHANGES: None

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

COUNCIL CHAIR/ STAFF
COMMENTS: Director Zabrycki announced that Blake Konczal, Executive Director, Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB), was out of the office and that Cheryl Beierschmitt, Deputy Director of Fiscal Services, FRWDB, would be presenting Mr. Konczal's items.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Item	Description/Action Taken
1.	<u>May 7, 2025, Skills Development Council Meeting Minutes</u> Ms. Beierschmitt presented the May 7, 2025, Skills Development Council (Council) meeting minutes for the Council's approval, or correction and approval. OLIVARES/HENSLEY – APPROVED THE MAY 7, 2025, SKILLS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. (UNANIMOUS)
2.	<u>Eligible Training Provider List Monitoring Report</u> Rebecca Moncivais, Monitoring Manager, FRWDB, presented for the Council's recommendation, the Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) Monitoring Report for the Fourth Quarter of Program Year (PY) 2024-2025. She explained that FRWDB staff conducts monitoring of all ETPL providers to ensure they are in compliance with federal, state, and local regulations or policies. She indicated that monitoring was completed for 11 schools, with no findings. Monitoring for three (3) schools was still in process. Director Zabrycki asked for the definition of "in process" and inquired as to whether there was a time limit for this action. Ms. Moncivais explained that "in process" meant that the Monitoring Department was still reviewing submitted documents and that only a deadline for document submission was standard practice. Director Hensley asked if there was a difference between monitoring and responding to complaints from participants.

He also recalled that customer complaints concerning compliance were discussed at previous Council meetings. Ms. Moncivais explained that participant complaints are not handled by the Monitoring Department and indicated that Jose Espinoza, Training Manager, FRWDB, reviews and handles them. Ms. Beierschmitt also confirmed that participant complaints are brought to the Council through a separate agenda item, when there is an open complaint.

OLIVARES/HENSLEY – RECOMMENDED THAT THE FRWDB ACCEPT THE ELIGIBLE TRAINING PROVIDER LIST MONITORING REPORT. (UNANIMOUS)

3. Individual Training Account Overview

Mr. Espinoza gave the Council an overview of the FRWDB's participant training activities and expenditures for the period of July 2024 through June 2025. Mr. Espinoza 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 reviewed the total Individual Training Account expenditures, highlighting Healthcare, Transportation and Warehousing, and Manufacturing as three (3) of the top performing industries.

Mr. Espinoza also presented a report on the number of unique individuals training in urban and rural areas. The report distinguished between males and females in these areas and included the total of unique individuals enrolled in training, how many unique individuals completed training, and how many unique individuals were still actively training.

Director Olivares asked what classified as a "unique client". Martha Espinosa, Deputy Director Marketing, Grants and Business Initiatives, FRWDB, replied that a unique client referred to the number of distinct individuals who visited, rather than the total number of visits. When asked about the FRWDB's qualification process by Director Hensley, Mr. Espinoza replied that no other region had adopted the FRWDB's process.

This was an information item.

4. Special Grants Training Overview

Ashley Matthews, Senior Special Projects Manager, FRWDB, spoke about the ValleyBuild Apprenticeship Readiness Program and the multiple grants that fund that project. Ms. Matthews shared a PowerPoint that included overviews of each special grant's regional performance progress. She announced that there were no new grants to report, but that the FRWDB was in the process of submitting a Women in Nontraditional Occupations (WANTO) grant application and was also starting a grant application for the Lowe's Gable Grant Foundation that was to be submitted by August 31, 2025. Director Zabrycki asked what the dollar amount was for these grants. Ms. Matthews replied that \$50,000,000 was committed for five (5) years by the Lowe's Gable Grant Foundation and that the FRWDB was seeking \$750,000 for the WANTO grant.

Ms. Matthews also shared photos of ValleyBuild graduations, making special mention of the graduation of Alexis Rowberry. Ms. Rowberry was a ValleyBuild apprentice who journeyed out as an electrician in May 2025. She was also one of FRWDB's original spokespeople for the ValleyBuild program.

Beatriz Lopez, Interim Forestry Manager, FRWDB, then provided a PowerPoint that included overviews of the Greater Sierra Forestry Corps and the program's regional performance process and highlights of events through July 2025. Ms. Lopez also announced that two (2) grant applications had been submitted: Cal Fire Round 4 requesting \$1,973,615 on April 25, 2025, and High Road Training Partnership Round 2 requesting \$2,500,000 on July 9, 2025.

Director Hensley asked if there was any danger or uncertainty by the federal and state government over the funding of these grants. Ms. Beierschmitt replied that there was not.

This was an information item.

5. Discretionary Grants Report

Ka Xiong, Contracting 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 grants' progress through December 2025. She also announced that a part-time instructor was hired to perform outreach in FRWDB's Parlier office.

This was an information item.

6. Overview of Staff Trainings

Mr. Espinoza presented an overview of staff trainings scheduled for the Fourth Quarter of PY 2024-2025. Mr. Espinoza updated the Council on the staff trainings that had already occurred, including Career Coaching in April 2025 and the All-Staff Conference in May 2025. He noted that training for June was postponed until August 6, 2025.

This was an information item.

7. Information Sharing

There was no information shared by council members.

8. November 5, 2025, Agenda Items

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

9. Meeting Feedback

There was no meeting feedback provided.

Meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

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AGENDA ITEM:	2
MEETING DATE:	November 5, 2025
ACTION:	RECOMMEND TO APPROVE

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TO: Skills Development Council

FROM: Veronica McAlister, Senior Program Manager

SUBJECT: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Rapid Response and Layoff Aversion Funding Allocations

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend that the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB) approve the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Rapid Response and Layoff Aversion funding allocations totaling \$642,173 for Program Year (PY) 2025–2026, along with carryover funds of \$276,687 from PY 2024–2025, for a combined total of \$918,860 as outlined below.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:

On July 17, 2025, the Employment Development Department Workforce Services Division released the WIOA Rapid Response and Layoff Aversion funding allocations for PY 2025–2026. The FRWDB was allocated \$642,173 to support Rapid Response and Layoff Aversion services in Fresno County (see attached allocation table). In addition, FRWDB has \$276,687 in carryover funds from PY 2024–2025, bringing the total available funding for PY 2025–2026 to \$918,860.

Staff recommends the following allocations for PY 2025–2026:

- \$276,687 to the Central Labor Council Partnership to provide Rapid Response and Layoff Aversion services in Fresno County through June 30, 2026.
- \$642,173 to FRWDB staff for administration oversight and Rapid Response and Layoff Aversion services.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this item will allocate \$642,173 in Rapid Response and Layoff Aversion funding for PY 2025–2026, along with \$276,687 in carryover funding from PY 2024–2025.

ATTACHMENT

WIOA Rapid Response and Layoff Aversion by Formula Allocations PY 25-26

Local Area	Subgrantee Code	Rapid Response Round 1	Rapid Response Round 2	Rapid Response Total	Layoff Aversion Round 1	Layoff Aversion Round 2	Layoff Aversion Total	Grand Total
Alameda County	ALA	\$ 105,539.00	\$ 388,907.00	\$ 494,446.00	\$ 39,892.00	\$ 147,002.00	\$ 186,894.00	\$ 681,340.00
Anaheim	ANA	\$ 70,818.00	\$ 260,960.00	\$ 331,778.00	\$ 26,768.00	\$ 98,640.00	\$ 125,408.00	\$ 457,186.00
Contra Costa	CON	\$ 46,711.00	\$ 172,125.00	\$ 218,836.00	\$ 17,656.00	\$ 65,061.00	\$ 82,717.00	\$ 301,553.00
Foothill	FET	\$ 47,220.00	\$ 174,003.00	\$ 221,223.00	\$ 17,848.00	\$ 65,771.00	\$ 83,619.00	\$ 304,842.00
Fresno City/County	FRS	\$ 99,473.00	\$ 366,550.00	\$ 466,023.00	\$ 37,599.00	\$ 138,551.00	\$ 176,150.00	\$ 642,173.00
Golden Sierra	GSC	\$ 80,991.00	\$ 298,448.00	\$ 379,439.00	\$ 30,614.00	\$ 112,809.00	\$ 143,423.00	\$ 522,862.00
Humboldt	HUM	\$ 36,754.00	\$ 135,436.00	\$ 172,190.00	\$ 13,893.00	\$ 51,193.00	\$ 65,086.00	\$ 237,276.00
Imperial	IMP	\$ 36,754.00	\$ 135,436.00	\$ 172,190.00	\$ 13,893.00	\$ 51,193.00	\$ 65,086.00	\$ 237,276.00
Kern/Inyo/Mono	KIM	\$ 60,020.00	\$ 221,168.00	\$ 281,188.00	\$ 22,687.00	\$ 83,598.00	\$ 106,285.00	\$ 387,473.00
Kings	KNG	\$ 48,318.00	\$ 178,047.00	\$ 226,365.00	\$ 18,263.00	\$ 67,300.00	\$ 85,563.00	\$ 311,928.00
Los Angeles City	LAI	\$ 148,824.00	\$ 548,410.00	\$ 697,234.00	\$ 56,254.00	\$ 207,291.00	\$ 263,545.00	\$ 960,779.00
Los Angeles County	LAO	\$ 322,634.00	\$ 1,188,887.00	\$ 1,511,521.00	\$ 121,951.00	\$ 449,384.00	\$ 571,335.00	\$ 2,082,856.00
Long Beach	LBC	\$ 47,733.00	\$ 175,891.00	\$ 223,624.00	\$ 18,042.00	\$ 66,485.00	\$ 84,527.00	\$ 308,151.00
Madera	MAD	\$ 48,553.00	\$ 178,914.00	\$ 227,467.00	\$ 18,352.00	\$ 67,627.00	\$ 85,979.00	\$ 313,446.00
Merced	MER	\$ 42,869.00	\$ 157,970.00	\$ 200,839.00	\$ 16,204.00	\$ 59,710.00	\$ 75,914.00	\$ 276,753.00
Mother Lode	MLC	\$ 68,693.00	\$ 253,129.00	\$ 321,822.00	\$ 25,965.00	\$ 95,679.00	\$ 121,644.00	\$ 443,466.00
Monterey	MON	\$ 47,769.00	\$ 176,025.00	\$ 223,794.00	\$ 18,056.00	\$ 66,535.00	\$ 84,591.00	\$ 308,385.00
North Bay	NBY	\$ 100,719.00	\$ 371,142.00	\$ 471,861.00	\$ 38,070.00	\$ 140,287.00	\$ 178,357.00	\$ 650,218.00
North Central Counties	NCC	\$ 95,936.00	\$ 353,520.00	\$ 449,456.00	\$ 36,263.00	\$ 133,625.00	\$ 169,888.00	\$ 619,344.00
NoRTEC	NOR	\$ 146,340.00	\$ 539,255.87	\$ 685,595.87	\$ 55,315.00	\$ 203,831.00	\$ 259,146.00	\$ 944,742.00
NOVA	NOV	\$ 577,870.00	\$ 2,129,419.00	\$ 2,707,289.00	\$ 218,427.00	\$ 804,892.00	\$ 1,023,319.00	\$ 3,730,608.00
Oakland	OAK	\$ 66,717.00	\$ 245,849.00	\$ 312,566.00	\$ 25,218.00	\$ 92,928.00	\$ 118,146.00	\$ 430,712.00
Orange County	ORA	\$ 179,220.00	\$ 660,414.00	\$ 839,634.00	\$ 67,743.00	\$ 249,627.00	\$ 317,370.00	\$ 1,157,004.00
Richmond	RCH	\$ 31,932.00	\$ 117,669.00	\$ 149,601.00	\$ 12,070.00	\$ 44,477.00	\$ 56,547.00	\$ 206,148.00
Riverside County	RIV	\$ 97,199.00	\$ 358,173.00	\$ 455,372.00	\$ 36,740.00	\$ 135,384.00	\$ 172,124.00	\$ 627,496.00
Sacramento	SAC	\$ 98,767.00	\$ 363,951.00	\$ 462,718.00	\$ 37,333.00	\$ 137,568.00	\$ 174,901.00	\$ 637,619.00
Santa Ana	SAN	\$ 70,230.00	\$ 258,793.00	\$ 329,023.00	\$ 26,546.00	\$ 97,820.00	\$ 124,366.00	\$ 453,389.00
Santa Barbara	SBA	\$ 30,718.00	\$ 113,194.00	\$ 143,912.00	\$ 11,611.00	\$ 42,788.00	\$ 54,399.00	\$ 198,311.00
San Benito	SBE	\$ 31,579.00	\$ 116,369.00	\$ 147,948.00	\$ 11,937.00	\$ 43,985.00	\$ 55,922.00	\$ 203,870.00
San Bernardino County	SBO	\$ 148,919.00	\$ 548,757.00	\$ 697,676.00	\$ 56,289.00	\$ 207,423.00	\$ 263,712.00	\$ 961,388.00
South Bay	SBY	\$ 160,052.00	\$ 589,784.00	\$ 749,836.00	\$ 60,498.00	\$ 222,930.00	\$ 283,428.00	\$ 1,033,264.00
Santa Cruz	SCR	\$ 39,106.00	\$ 144,102.00	\$ 183,208.00	\$ 14,781.00	\$ 54,469.00	\$ 69,250.00	\$ 252,458.00

Local Area	Subgrantee Code	Rapid Response Round 1	Rapid Response Round 2	Rapid Response Total	Layoff Aversion Round 1	Layoff Aversion Round 2	Layoff Aversion Total	Grand Total
San Diego	SDC	\$ 81,591.00	\$ 300,660.00	\$ 382,251.00	\$ 30,841.00	\$ 113,645.00	\$ 144,486.00	\$ 526,737.00
SELACO	SEL	\$ 37,303.00	\$ 137,458.00	\$ 174,761.00	\$ 14,100.00	\$ 51,957.00	\$ 66,057.00	\$ 240,818.00
San Francisco	SFO	\$ 133,145.00	\$ 490,630.00	\$ 623,775.00	\$ 50,327.00	\$ 185,452.00	\$ 235,779.00	\$ 859,554.00
San Joaquin	SJC	\$ 71,994.00	\$ 265,294.00	\$ 337,288.00	\$ 27,213.00	\$ 100,277.00	\$ 127,490.00	\$ 464,778.00
San Jose/Silicon Valley	SJI	\$ 93,239.00	\$ 343,578.00	\$ 436,817.00	\$ 35,243.00	\$ 129,868.00	\$ 165,111.00	\$ 601,928.00
San Luis Obispo	SLO	\$ 33,226.00	\$ 122,436.00	\$ 155,662.00	\$ 12,559.00	\$ 46,279.00	\$ 58,838.00	\$ 214,500.00
Solano County	SOL	\$ 31,697.00	\$ 116,802.00	\$ 148,499.00	\$ 11,981.00	\$ 44,150.00	\$ 56,131.00	\$ 204,630.00
Sonoma County	SON	\$ 37,181.00	\$ 137,008.00	\$ 174,189.00	\$ 14,054.00	\$ 51,787.00	\$ 65,841.00	\$ 240,030.00
Stanislaus County	STN	\$ 50,238.00	\$ 185,126.00	\$ 235,364.00	\$ 18,989.00	\$ 69,975.00	\$ 88,964.00	\$ 324,328.00
Tulare County	TUL	\$ 57,529.00	\$ 211,993.00	\$ 269,522.00	\$ 21,745.00	\$ 80,131.00	\$ 101,876.00	\$ 371,398.00
Verdugo	VER	\$ 32,128.00	\$ 118,391.00	\$ 150,519.00	\$ 12,144.00	\$ 44,750.00	\$ 56,894.00	\$ 207,413.00
Ventura County	VNP	\$ 55,609.00	\$ 204,914.00	\$ 260,523.00	\$ 21,019.00	\$ 77,455.00	\$ 98,474.00	\$ 358,997.00
Yolo County	YOL	\$ 39,263.00	\$ 144,680.00	\$ 183,943.00	\$ 14,840.00	\$ 54,688.00	\$ 69,528.00	\$ 253,471.00
TOTAL		\$ 3,989,120.00	\$ 14,699,667.87	\$ 18,688,787.87	\$ 1,507,833.00	\$ 5,556,277.00	\$ 7,064,110.00	\$ 25,752,898.00

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AGENDA ITEM:	3
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ACTION:	RECOMMEND TO ACCEPT

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TO: Skills Development Council

FROM: Rebecca Moncivais, Monitoring Manager

SUBJECT: Eligible Training Provider List Monitoring Report

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend that the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB) accept the attached Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) Monitoring Report for the First Quarter of Program Year 2025 – 2026.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:

FRWDB staff conducts monitoring of all ETPL providers to ensure compliance with federal, state, and local regulations and/or policies.

The attached table is an overview of the ETPL monitoring during the period of July 1, 2025, through September 30, 2025.

ATTACHMENT:

Eligible Training Provider List Monitoring Report – First Quarter, Program Year 2025-2026

Eligible Training Provider List Monitoring Report

First Quarter, Program Year 2025-2026

Monitoring of the following school was **completed** during the first quarter of Program Year (PY) 2025-2026:

School	State ID	Results
Fresno, Madera, Kern, Tulare, Construction Trades Council	5245	No Findings
J&R Trucking School	8151	No Findings

Monitoring of the following schools was in **process** during the first quarter of Program Year (PY) 2025-2026:

School	State ID	Results
Clovis Adult Education	493	In Process
Valley Regional Occupational Program	7591	In Process
San Joaquin Valley College	30003566	In Process

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TO: Skills Development Council

FROM: Phyllis Stogbauer, Senior Deputy Director

SUBJECT: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Adult and Dislocated Worker Participant Training Report

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend that the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB) accept the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult and Dislocated Worker Participant Training Report for the period of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2025.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:

In 2012, the State of California passed Senate Bill 734, which obligated local workforce boards to allocate a specific portion of the WIOA Adult and Dislocated Worker formula fund allocations for workforce training services. The training services included Vocational Skills Training, Transitional Jobs (paid work experience), and On-the-Job Training activities. The initial requirement was to expend a minimum of 25% of funding starting in Program Year (PY) 2012-2013, with an increase to 30% in PY 2016-2017.

The WIOA formula funding is allocated on a two (2)-year life cycle, necessitating local areas to fully utilize the designated training funding by the end of the two (2)-year life cycle of the funding. The mandated 30% of training funds allocated in PY 2022-2024 was \$3,209,451 and was required to be fully expended by June 30, 2025.

The following provides a summary of training expenditures for the period of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2025:

- Adult: \$1,327,558
- Dislocated Worker: \$885,280
- Special Projects: \$996,613
- Total Expenditures: \$3,209,451

The final training expenditure reflects 100% fulfillment of the mandated 30% expenditure by the June 30, 2025, deadline.

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ACTION:	INFORMATION

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TO: Skills Development Council

FROM: Jose Espinoza, Training Manager

SUBJECT: Individual Training Account Overview

INFORMATION:

This following report is for the period of July 2025 – September 2025.

Industry	Enrolled	Completed	Active	Total ITA Expenditures
Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping, and Payroll	42	12	30	\$221,450.75
Administrative and Support Services	14	4	10	\$41,138.34
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	1	1	0	\$7,965.00
Automotive Services	2	0	2	\$824.10
Construction	34	6	28	\$187,500.00
Contract Management	1	0	1	\$2,590.50
Energy	3	0	3	\$0
Health Care and Social Assistance	172	46	126	\$591,657.35
Information Service	22	8	14	\$96,398.00
Manufacturing	36	9	27	\$260,364.50
Marketing Analysis Services	1	1	0	\$0
Transportation and Warehousing	17	13	4	\$29,230.75
Totals	345	100	245	\$1,439,119.29

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 September 30, 2025. This number includes unsuccessful completions as well.

Expenditures: The amount that has been paid for the activities shown, through September 30, 2025.

The following chart shows the success rate and unsuccessful rates for Q1 of PY2025.

Count	Status	Success Rate	Unsuccessful Rate
345	Enrolled	30.36% (Successful ÷ Enrolled)	4.06% (Unsuccessful ÷ Enrolled)
100	Successful		
14	Unsuccessful		
231	Active		

The following chart is based on unique individuals.

	Total in Training	All Completed Training Activity	Active Training Activity	Total Unique Clients	Male	Female
Urban	244	68	176	244	102	141
Rural	101	32	69	101	46	55
Urban & Rural Total	345	100	245	345	148	196

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TO: Skills Development Council
FROM: Ashley Matthews, Senior Manager Special Projects
SUBJECT: ValleyBuild 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 - 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 College's 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: December 13, 2023, through September 30, 2025

Update: This grant is completed and in the closeout process.

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: June 1, 2023, through March 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 serve low-income women and under-represented groups more effectively 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: April 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026

Update: Grant has been extended from December 31, 2025, to June 30, 2026

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 jobseekers for careers in the building and construction trades.

Target Population: All

Period of Performance: June 1, 2023, through September 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: August 29, 2023, through December 31, 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 High Road Construction Careers 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: October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2026

Update: This grant has been extended from September 30, 2025, to September 30, 2026

High Roads Training Partnership (H RTP) – 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 High Roads Training Partnership 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: July 19, 2023, through March 16, 2026

Workforce Accelerator Fund Round 13 (Regional) \$500,000.00

Purpose: This grant will support targeted outreach for Veteran's and Tribal Members, including specialized supportive services for each population. It will support the development of best practices for serving each population, to be shared and implemented throughout the region.

Target Population: Veterans and Tribal members

Period of Performance: May 11, 2025, through March 31, 2027

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TO: Skills Development Council
FROM: Beatriz Lopez, Special Projects Manager
SUBJECT: Golden State Forestry Corps 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.

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, Cal FIRE Local 2881, National Federation of Federal Employees: Forest Service Council 2995, Associated California Loggers, Sierra Pacific Industries, TuCare, Tuolumne River Trust, Yosemite Stanislaus Solutions, 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. Wraparound 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:

Cal Fire 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: March 22, 2023, through March 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: June 1, 2023, through March 31, 2026

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TO: Skills Development Council

FROM: Veronica McAlister, Senior Program Manager

SUBJECT: Adult 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.

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): Completed on September 30, 2025

Performance Updates:

FRWDB	Proposed Goal to Date	Actual To Date	Percentage
Enrollment	125	114	91.2%
Completed 90% or More of Fatherhood Workshops	100	98	98%
Completed Economic Stability Workshops	100	98	98%

Updates: This grant has ended.

Regional Equity and Recovery Partnerships – \$1,050,729.00

Purpose: The Regional Equity and Recovery Partnerships (RERP) program seeks to enhance partnerships and collaboration between Workforce Development Boards and Community Colleges and improve job quality and access to 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, 2026

Target Industries: Construction, Manufacturing, Healthcare, Logistics/Transportation

Performance Updates:

FRWDB	Participants to Be Served to Date	Actual To Date	Percentage
Enrollment	124	142	114.5%
Training	100	69	69%
Completed Training	90	44	49%
Attained Certificate or Credential	56	44	79%
State Approved Apprenticeship	0	0	0%
Industry Sector Placement	56	11	19.6%
Non-Industry/Sector Placement	30	22	73%

Updates: One (1)-year extension granted to December 31, 2026. RERP funds will support the Emergency Medical Services Corps (EMS) training for up to 40 students.

*Proposed Goals to Date have been updated to reflect extension of the grant to December 31, 2026, and funding for two (2) EMS Corps cohorts.

Prison to Employment – \$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, 2026

Performance Updates:

America Works	Proposed Goal to Date	Actual To Date	Percentage
Enrollment	61	62	101.5%

Updates: One (1)-year extension granted to December 31, 2026; however, enrollment numbers have been met. Staff will focus the next year and a half on serving active participants and closing out individuals that have received employment.

English Language Learner Integrated Education and Training Grant - \$3,330,000.00

Purpose: Utilizes an Integrated Education and Training (IET) 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 English Language Learners with significant barriers to high quality employment to enter and advance in the workforce. The project focuses on three (3) training pathways: Certified Nursing Assistant, Heavy Equipment Operators, and Wildland Firefighting.

Target Population: English Language Learners

Period of Performance: October 3, 2023, to December 31, 2026

Performance Updates:

Centro La Familia	Proposed Goal to Date	Actual To Date	Percentage
Enrollment	135	120	89%
Enrolled in Integrated Education and Training	135	112	83%
Completed IET	68	63	92.6%
Exits	20	37	185%
Employed at Exit	64	2	3%

Updates: The FRWDB is proceeding with the termination of the Provider of Service contract with Centro La Familia due to low performance outcomes. The current contract will conclude on December 31, 2025. To ensure continuity of services, FRWDB's Senior Program Manager has initiated the hiring of new staff who will assume responsibility for providing career guidance to current and future participants beginning January 1, 2026.

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TO: Skills Development Council
FROM: Ka Xiong, Program Manager
SUBJECT: Youth 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.

Emergency Medical Services Corps Planning and Implementation Grant - \$1,451,820

Purpose: The program is modeled after the Alameda Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Corps program and serves young people who have been historically underrepresented in allied health careers. The program focuses on individuals facing barriers such as unemployment, housing instability, economic insecurity, and involvement in the justice system, preparing them to become Emergency Medical Technicians. Participants will receive comprehensive support, including training, wraparound services, bi-weekly case management, monthly stipends, physical training, group and one-on-one counseling, job readiness preparation, and post-program job placement. Fresno's EMS Corps will train a minimum of 60 Fresno County youth through three (3) cohorts, each lasting approximately five (5) months.

Target Population: Underrepresented Youth

Period of Performance: May 24, 2024, to April 30, 2027

Performance Updates:

FRWDB	Proposed Goal to Date	Actual To Date	Percentage
Enrollment	20	22	110%
Training	20	22	110%
Job Placement	0	0	--

Updates: Cohort One began with a three (3)-day orientation on September 9, 2025, and job readiness training on September 16, 2025. CPR and Basic Life Support training are scheduled for October 8, 2025, and vocational training is anticipated to begin on October 13, 2025, at Fresno City College's First Responder Campus. Recruitment for Cohort Two will begin in the next quarter.

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 for Year 1:

America Works	Proposed Goal to Date	Actual To Date	Percentage
Enrollment	100	100	100%
Entered Work Readiness Workshop	100	100	100%
Entered Work Experience	100	81	81%

Period of Performance: Year One (2): January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025

Performance Updates for Year 2:

America Works	Proposed Goal to Date	Actual To Date	Percentage
Enrollment	41	26	63%
Entered Work Readiness Workshop	41	26	46%
Entered Work Experience	9	13	144%

Updates: Staff have begun enrolling Year Two participants and will distribute stipends as participants complete their work readiness preparation workshops. Staff continues to partner with Department of Rehabilitation to ensure participants are eligible for the program.

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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 First Quarter of Program Year 2025-2026. These trainings were made available for Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB) staff, Provider staff, and partner staff.

1. July 25th - Time Management
2. August 6th - Youth Eligibility & Intake Procedures
3. September 30th - Compliance Guidance Part 1 (For Youth Providers)

The following trainings have occurred or will be offered during the Second Quarter of PY 2025-2026:

1. October 30th - Compliance Guidance Part 2 (For Youth Providers)
2. November 20th – FRWDB All Staff Conference (AI Focus)
3. December 4th – Eligibility & Intake Procedures Training (For Adult/ Dislocated Worker Providers)
4. December 5th – Management Strategies for Improving Staff Retention