



FRESNO REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Executive Committee
October 21, 2026 @ 3:00 p.m.

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

Mission Statement: The Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board exists to oversee the optimal administration of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funds in the Fresno region. In serving both the business community and the individual job seeker with the provision of human capital development services, we hope to foster the economic vitality of the Fresno region.

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ROLL CALL

AGENDA CHANGES: REMOVAL OF ITEMS OR EMERGENCY ADDITIONS

ABSTENTIONS/RECUSALS/DISCLOSURE OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

COMMITTEE CHAIR/STAFF COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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1.	July 29, 2026, Executive Committee Special Meeting Minutes	Konczal	Yes	Approve	5
2.	August 2026 Agency Budget and Expenditures	Beierschmitt	Yes	Accept	11
3.	August 2026 Financial Report	Beierschmitt	Yes	Accept	13
4.	Board Member Onboarding Exercise	Blunt	No	Discussion	--
5.	TradesFutures Grant Award	M. Espinosa	Yes	Approve	17
6.	CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) Title: Executive Director				

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FRESNO REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
2027 MEETING SCHEDULE

	Executive Committee 3:00 p.m.	FAWIC Board 3:00 p.m.	Adult Council 4:00 p.m.	Skills Development Council 4:00 p.m.	Youth Council 4:00 p.m.	Workforce Development Board 4:00 p.m.
JAN	1/20	1/20	1/28			
FEB				2/03	2/18	
MAR						3/03
APR	4/21	4/21				
MAY			5/27	5/05	5/20	
JUN						6/02
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AUG				8/04	8/19	
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DEC						12/01

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**FRESNO REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
2026 ATTENDANCE REPORT**

			Cancelled 1/21/2026	Special 4/15/2026	7/15/2026	7/29/2026	10/21/2026
Avila Trillium Flow Technologies	P	P	XX	P			
Blunt IMAGO	P	P	XX	P			
Branch Fresno Adult School	A	A	XX	P			
Chavez Fresno County Board of Supervisors	P	A	XX	A			
Maxwell Fresno City Council	A	A	XX	A			
Montalbano German Auto Repair	P	P	XX	P			
Morgan Kaiser Permanente	P	--	--	--	--	--	--
Riojas Fresno, Madera, Tulare, Kings Building Trades Council	P	P	XX	P			
Sotiropoulos Hyatt Real Estate	P	P	XX	P			
Zabrycki CAPTRUST	P	A	XX	A			

P = Present

A = Absent

-- = Not a Member at Time of Meeting

FRESNO REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

AGENDA ITEM:	1
MEETING DATE:	October 21, 2026
ACTION:	APPROVE

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TO: Executive Committee
FROM: Blake Konczal, Executive Director
SUBJECT: July 29, 2026, Executive Committee Special Meeting Minutes

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the July 29, 2026, Executive Committee special meeting.

ATTACHMENT:

July 29, 2026, Executive Committee Special Meeting Minutes



FRESNO REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Executive Committee
July 29, 2026

SPECIAL MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT – Stephen Avila, Edgar Blunt, Rodney Branch, Dennis Montalbano, Chuck Riojas, Vasili Sotiropulos, and Legal Counsel Craig Armstrong

ABSENT – Luis Chavez, Tyler Maxwell, and Lydia Zabrycki

AGENDA CHANGES: Blake Konczal, Executive Director, Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB), presented an approval item for emergency addition to the agenda for the High Road Construction Careers Bridge Grant contract award.

**SOTIROPULOS/AVILA – APPROVED THE ADDITION OF ITEM 3B
HIGH ROAD CONSTRUCTION CAREERS BRIDGE GRANT CONTRACT
AWARD. (UNANIMOUS)**

ABSTENTIONS/RECUSALS/
DISCLOSURES OF
POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF
INTEREST: Riojas – Item 3B

COMMITTEE
CHAIR/STAFF COMMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Item	Description/Action Taken
1.	<u>April 15, 2026, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes</u> Mr. Konczal presented the April 15, 2026, Executive Committee (Committee) meeting minutes for approval, or correction and approval. RIOJAS/AVILA – APPROVED THE APRIL 15, 2026, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES. (UNANIMOUS) Director Branch arrived (3:08 p.m.)
2.	<u>May 2026 Agency Budget and Expenditures</u> Cheryl Beierschmitt, Deputy Director Fiscal Services, FRWDB, presented the May 2026 Agency Budget and Expenditures report for the Committee's acceptance. She reminded the Committee that the year-to-date budget was straight-lined.

She noted that Line 55 Staff/Board/Service Provider Development line item had a slight variance, and Line Item 60 Communications was higher than anticipated, but that was due to a project with AT&T, for which FRWDB will be receiving credits from AT&T. There were no questions from the Committee.

RIOJAS/AVILA – ACCEPTED THE MAY 2026 AGENCY BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES. (UNANIMOUS)

3. May 2026 Financial Report

Ms. Beierschmitt presented the May 2026 Financial Report for the Committee's acceptance. She noted that the plan year-to-date expenditures as of May 31, 2026, was \$26.8 million. She pointed out that two (2) grants closed June 30, 2026, and were in the process of being closed out. She reported that staff had no concerns with expenditures. There were no questions from the Committee.

AVILA/RIOJAS – ACCEPTED THE FEBRUARY 2026 FINANCIAL REPORT (UNANIMOUS)

3B. High Road to Construction Careers Bridge Grant Contract Award

Martha Espinosa, Deputy Director Marketing, Grants and Business Initiatives, FRWDB, presented for the Committee's approval, the High Road to Construction Careers Bridge Grant from the California Workforce Development Board contract award in the amount of \$1,322,756.00 to serve 95 ValleyBuild participants regionally. She shared that FRWDB was awarded this 19-month grant to continue providing workforce development services across the central valley. During this funding period, five (5) cohorts will be implemented drawn from ValleyBuild's 15-county service area. She reviewed each of the contract award recipients, as outlined in the agenda item.

Approval of this award would ensure a timely implementation of these services and support FRWDB's commitment to expanding equitable access to workforce services and career pathways for underserved populations.

Director Avila asked what was included in Supportive Services. Ms. Espinosa shared that it could include childcare, monthly or need-based stipends, as well as mileage reimbursement. She noted that FRWDB would be braiding funding with its Workforce Accelerator Fund grant specifically to help assist with Supportive Services for veterans and tribal members.

AVILA/SOTIROPULOS – APPROVED THE HIGH ROAD TO CONSTRUCTION CAREERS BRIDGE GRANT CONTRACT AWARD. (UNANIMOUS, WITH RECUSAL NOTED ABOVE)

4. Program Year 2026-2027 Agency Budget and Personnel Plan

Ms. Beierschmitt presented for the Committee's recommendation for FRWDB approval, the Program Year (PY) 2026-2027 Agency Budget and Personnel Plan in the amount of \$30,742,223. This amount included \$18,660,667 in Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act formula funding, \$7,724,549 in special grants funding, and an estimated carryover from PY 2025-2026 in the amount of \$4,357,007. She noted that the total amount of \$30,742,223 was a decrease of \$13,794,237 from the PY 2025-2026 available funding.

She directed the Committee's attention to the Staff Schedule, which showed an increase in staff from 57 full-time equivalent (FTE) last PY to 73 FTE for the new PY. This increase in staff was due to onboarding new staff on July 1, 2026, to perform Basic Career Services at the FRWDB's America's Job Centers of California locations.

Chair Blunt asked what FRWDB staff had noticed so far with the Basic Career Services staff being brought in-house. Mr. Konczal noted that since it had only been a month, it was too soon to tell, but that in another month, there should be data to share with the Committee.

RIOJAS/SOTIROPULOS – RECOMMENDED THAT THE FRWDB APPROVE THE PY 2026-2027 AGENCY BUDGET AND PERSONNEL PLAN. (UNANIMOUS)

5. Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board Bylaws Revision

Mr. Konczal presented a proposed revision to the FRWDB Bylaws for the Committee's recommendation for FRWDB approval. He explained that the current Bylaws provide for the immediate past Chair of the FRWDB to serve on the Executive Committee for two (2) years following their term as Chair. The proposed revision would allow any past FRWDB Chair to serve on the Executive Committee, if they wish to do so, and as long as they were a Board member in good standing. Mr. Konczal noted that Chairs gain valuable knowledge and experience during their tenure, and having that experience represented on the Executive Committee would benefit the FRWDB.

SOTIROPULOS/RIOJAS – APPROVED THE FRESNO REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD BYLAWS REVISION. (UNANIMOUS)

6. Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board Bylaws Revision Regarding Officer Continuity and Re-Election

Mr. Konczal presented for the Committee's recommendation for FRWDB approval, a revision to the FRWDB Bylaws to permit the re-election of incumbent officers when no other qualified FRWDB member has been nominated for or seeks election to an office, and to authorize continued service in a holdover capacity until a successor is elected or appointed. He noted that the FRWDB would continue to poll members to see if there was any interest in running for one of the seats. If no other qualified member is interested, the incumbent officer could continue to serve in a holdover capacity until a successor is elected or appointed.

RIOJAS/AVILA – RECOMMENDED THAT THE FRWDB APPROVE BYLAWS REVISION REGARDING OFFICER CONTINUITY AND RE-ELECTION. (UNANIMOUS)

7. Summary of Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board Staff AI Usage

Ryan McAlister, Senior Client Training Coordinator, FRWDB, shared that at the last meeting, when the Executive Committee reviewed and recommended the FRWDB's AI Usage Policy, members requested a usage report on FRWDB staff's AI usage. Mr. McAlister shared a PowerPoint presentation that showed the results of a survey conducted of FRWDB and provider staff at the end of June 2026, when 67 employees were surveyed. Results showed that 39% of staff use AI daily, 30% use it once or twice a week, six percent (6%) use it a couple times a month, 16% reported they tried it and never went back to using it, and nine percent (9%) said they never use AI. Although nine percent (9%) of staff indicated they never use AI, Mr. McAlister noted that they may be unaware of using it.

When surveyed about which AI platforms staff was using, ChatGPT was at 44%, Microsoft Co-Pilot was at 21%, Google Gemini was 14%, Canva was seven percent (7%), and other entities made up 14%. Sixty-seven percent (67%) of employees use a free version of AI.

When asking how comfortable staff are with using AI, 39% are pretty comfortable, 21% somewhat comfortable, 20% very comfortable, 11% slightly comfortable, and nine percent (9%) not comfortable at all. When asked what staff were using AI for, writing and editing documents was 20%, research was 18%, writing emails 17%, brainstorming ideas 16%, and helping with presentations eight percent (8%).

Chair Blunt expressed interest in learning whether the use of AI has increased staff productivity. Director Avila asked how the FRWDB identifies grant opportunities for which to apply. Kyle Hamilton, Research Analyst, FRWDB, indicated that FRWDB usually goes to grants.gov, which is a state website that he looks at every day.

This was an information item.

8. **Closed Session: Executive Director Performance Evaluation**

There was no action to report out of closed session.

9. **Director's Quarterly Update**

Mr. Konczal distributed a summary of his activities as Executive Director for the period of April through June 2026. He briefly summarized his key activities during the reporting period, which included reviewing all Fresno Area Workforce Investment Corporation staff performance evaluations, and tracking Assembly Bill 1534, which would eliminate the current 30% training set aside, but would create a 50% training enrollment requirement. Chair Blunt asked what was the FRWDB's current training enrollment percentage and Mr. Konczal indicated that he would get that number for the Chair.

He spent considerable time working on the Bylaws revisions presented at today's meeting, overseeing the hiring and implementation of the new AJCC staff, and preparing for and participating in the all-staff training day in May, which featured Dr. Ruby Payne as the keynote speaker. He noted that he serves as an elected trustee on the U.S. Conference of Mayors Workforce Development Council Board of Trustees, which required travel to Philadelphia for a meeting. He also serves on the California Workforce Association's Executive Committee and the CART Board of Trustees, both of which require time for meetings. He also noted that the FRWDB applied for a YouthBuild grant from the US Department of Labor and were just notified that they were not awarded that grant. FRWDB also applied for a CalFIRE grant and were still waiting for notification about approval.

This was an information item.

10. **Referral of Agenda Items to Other Committees**

There were no items referred to other committees.

11. **Information Sharing**

Director Montalbano shared that he was looking for a permanent home for an American Bulldog that was about two (2) years old that he had been fostering. He asked anyone who was interested to speak with him after the meeting.

This was an information item.

12. October 21, 2026, Agenda Items

There were no items recommended for the October 21, 2026, agenda.

13. Meeting Feedback

Ms. Espinosa shared with the Committee, next month's FRWDB-sponsored events : The Young Adult Job Fair on August 12th, Fresno Chamber of Commerce Mixer on August 20th, and the EMS Corps graduation on August 28th.

Director Montalbano reported that State Farm Insurance had recently terminated the contracts of numerous agents, which also resulted in the elimination of office staff positions. Mr. Konczal indicated that FRWDB would promote its services through social media to reach individuals affected by the terminations.

Meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

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AGENDA ITEM:	2
MEETING DATE:	October 21, 2026
ACTION:	ACCEPT

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TO: Executive Committee
FROM: Cheryl Beierschmitt, Deputy Director of Fiscal Services
SUBJECT: August 2026 Agency Budget and Expenditures

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept the attached Agency Budget and Expenditures report for August 2026 financials for Program Year 2026 - 2027.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:

The attached table provides the status of the agency budget as of August 31, 2026.

- Year-to-Date budget costs are straight-lined.
- Line Item 62 – Maintenance is running higher than straight-lined due to the annual \$16,300 Blackbaud Financial Edge accounting system fees paid 100% upfront, in the month of July 2026.
- Line Item 63 – Memberships are running higher than straight-lined due to the annual \$14,920 California Workforce Association (CWA) and \$1,500 Council for Adult and Experiential Learning dues paid 100% upfront, in the month of July 2026.
- Line Item 69 – Utilities for PG&E are running slightly higher than straight-lined for the months of July and August 2026.
- Staff have no concerns with other expenditures.

ATTACHMENT:

FRWDB Agency Budget and Expenditures – August 2026

**FRESNO REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
AGENCY BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES**

August 2026

Budget by Line Item	Total Budget PY 26 - 27	YTD Budget PY 26 - 27	YTD Expenditures PY 26 - 27	Variance	Percent Variance
51 Salaries	\$ 4,901,348	\$ 816,891	\$ 761,398	55,494	6.79%
52 Payroll Taxes	431,545	71,924	67,834	4,090	5.69%
53 Fringe Benefits	1,516,685	252,781	172,764	80,016	31.65%
55 Staff/Board/Service Provider Development	72,500	12,083	9,763	2,320	19.20%
56 Local Mileage	26,000	4,333	1,735	2,598	59.96%
60 Communications	36,000	6,000	3,671	2,329	38.82%
61 Insurance	37,500	37,500	33,311	4,189	11.17%
62 Maintenance	96,840	16,140	29,248	(13,108)	-81.21%
63 Memberships	40,000	6,667	23,050	(16,383)	-245.75%
64 Miscellaneous	25,000	4,167	1,585	2,582	61.96%
65 Office Expense	45,000	7,500	7,126	374	4.99%
66 Professional Services	225,800	37,633	6,063	31,570	83.89%
67 Advertising	35,000	5,833	-	5,833	100.00%
68 Rent & Leases	317,300	52,883	52,071	812	1.54%
69 Utilities	53,000	8,833	9,928	(1,095)	-12.40%
71 Furniture and Equipment	74,000	14,800	3,460	11,340	76.62%
Total	\$ 7,933,518	\$ 1,355,970	\$ 1,183,007	172,962	12.76%

Due to spreadsheet formula rounding calculations, totals may be off by \$1 or \$2.

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AGENDA ITEM:	3
MEETING DATE:	October 21, 2026
ACTION:	ACCEPT

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TO: Executive Committee

FROM: Cheryl Beierschmitt, Deputy Director of Fiscal Services

SUBJECT: August 2026 Financial Report

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB) August 2026 Financial Report.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:

The attached summary financial report and chart display year-to-date financial information through August 31, 2026.

The following grant ended August 31, 2026:

- High Road Construction Careers (HRCC) – California Community College Chancellor's Office (CCCCO): This grant ended August 31, 2026. It was 93.72% expended at \$923,736 with an unspent amount of \$61,902. FRWDB staff are in the process of completing the grant closeout with the funder and the remaining balance will be de-obligated. There is an anticipation of additional funding in April 2027.

The following grants will end December 31, 2026:

- Regional Equity and Recovery Partnership (RERP): This grant will end December 31, 2026. It is 60.57% expended in the amount of \$636,391 with an unspent amount of \$414,338. FRWDB staff anticipate this grant will be 90% expended in the amount of \$945,656 with an unspent amount of \$105,073.
- Student Training and Employment Program (STEP) – Year 3: This grant will end December 31, 2026. It is 63.25% expended in the amount of \$392,119 with an unspent amount of \$227,833. FRWDB staff anticipate this grant will be 86% expended in the amount of \$794,597 with an unspent amount of \$130,000.
- English Language Learner (ELL) – Integrated Education and Training: This grant ends December 31, 2026. It is 57.09% expended in the amount of \$1,901,211 with an unspent amount of \$1,428,789. Currently there is no talk of an extension. FRWDB staff anticipate this grant will be 70% expended in the amount of \$2,331,000 with an unspent amount of \$999,000.

The following grants received an extension:

- One Fresno Youth Job Corps Wraparound Services – City of Fresno: This grant received an additional three (3) month no cost extension to March 31, 2027. It is 65.38% expended in the amount of \$392,287 with an unspent amount of \$207,713. A large portion of the funds in this grant

were set aside to provide supportive services for youth enrolled in the program, however, referrals and need for the services have been lower than anticipated. FRWDB staff anticipate the end date will be extended until the grant is 100% expended.

- Public Workforce Capacity Fund (PWCF) – James Irvine Foundation: This grant received an additional four (4) month no cost extension to January 31, 2027. It is 77.86% expended in the amount of \$389,318 with an unspent amount of \$110,682. FRWDB staff anticipate this grant will be 100% expended.
- Staff have no concerns with other grant expenditures.

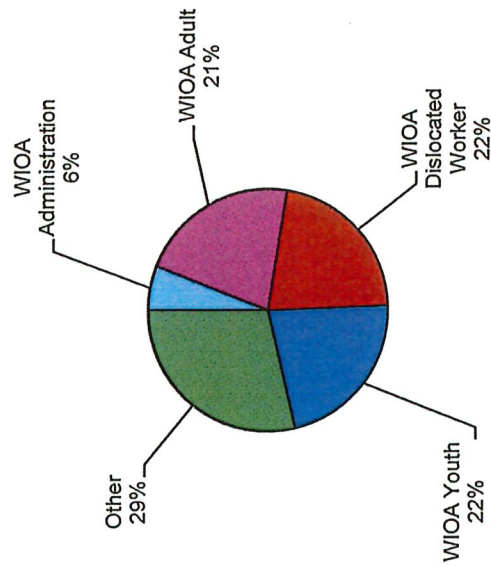
ATTACHMENT:

August 2026 Financial Report

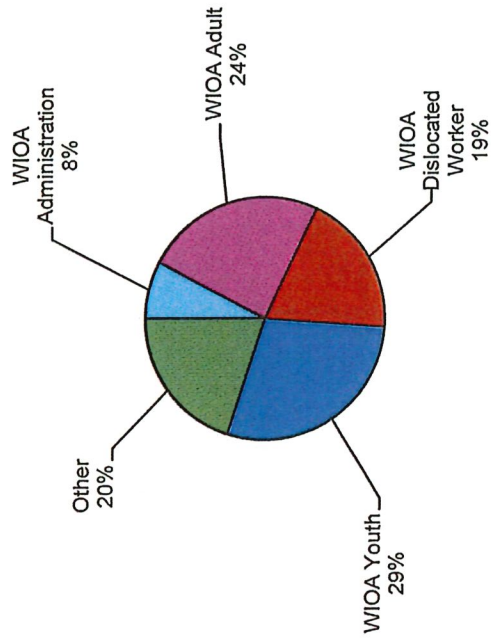
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8	GRANT	TERM	Total Grant Amount	Prior Year(s) Expended	Current Plan Year to Date Expenditures	Percent Expended	Unspent Committed Funds
9							
10	WIOA ADMINISTRATION	07/01/2026 - 06/30/2027	1,866,067		286,258	15.34%	1,579,809
11							
12	* WIOA ADULT	07/01/2026 - 06/30/2027	6,784,343		909,906	13.41%	5,874,437
13							
14	* WIOA DISLOCATED WORKER	07/01/2026 - 06/30/2027	6,872,450		711,432	10.35%	6,161,019
15							
16	* WIOA YOUTH	07/01/2026 - 06/30/2027	6,891,814		1,076,869	15.63%	5,814,944
17							
18	*WIOA RAPID RESPONSE & Layoff Aversion	07/01/2026 - 06/30/2027	1,162,480		59,762	5.14%	1,102,718
19							
20	Regional Equity and Recovery Partnership (RERP)	12/01/2022 - 12/31/2026	1,050,729	623,628	12,763	60.57%	414,338
21							
22	Student Training and Employment Program (STEP) - Y3	01/01/2025 - 12/31/2026	619,952	360,737	31,382	63.25%	227,833
23							
24	Good Jobs Challenge - American Rescue Plan	06/01/2023 - 05/31/2027	1,807,383	1,092,624	36,029	62.45%	678,730
25							
26	ELL Integrated Education and Training	10/01/2023 - 12/31/2026	3,330,000	1,829,079	72,132	57.09%	1,428,789
27							
28	EMS Corps Implement/Planning Grant - Public Works Alliance (PWA)	05/29/2024 - 04/30/2027	1,451,820	634,259	117,336	51.77%	700,225
29							
30	HRCC - Ca Community College Chancellor's Office (CCCCO)	10/01/2024 - 08/31/2026	985,638	694,018	229,718	93.72%	61,902
31							
32	One Fresno Youth Job Corps WrapAround Services - City of Fresno	01/01/2025 - 03/31/2027	600,000	354,853	37,434	65.38%	207,713
33							
34	Public Workforce Capacity Fund (PWCF) - James Irvine Foundation	10/01/2024 - 01/31/2027	500,000	376,164	13,154	77.86%	110,682
35							
36	Growth Opportunities - Rnd 5	03/01/2025 - 08/31/2028	2,000,000	254,253	70,135	16.22%	1,675,612
37							
38	Workforce Acceleration Funds (WAF) 13	05/01/2025 - 03/31/2027	500,000	76,653	25,633	20.46%	397,714
39							
40	High Road Construction Careers (HRCC) 2026 Rnd 1	06/01/2026 - 12/31/2027	1,322,756	253	43,540	3.31%	1,278,963
41							
42	TOTAL FUNDING		37,745,431	6,296,521	3,733,483	26.57%	27,715,427
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44							
45	* Total Grant Amount includes ESTIMATED carryover from Prior Plan Year 25-26						
46	Due to spreadsheet formula rounding calculations, totals may be off by \$1 or \$2						
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49	Prepared by: C. Beierschmitt						
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FRESNO REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
FINANCIAL REPORTS
August 2026

FRWDB Committed Funds
Fiscal Year 2026-2027



FRWDB Expenditures
Fiscal Year 2026-2027



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TO: Executive Committee

FROM: Martha Espinosa, Deputy Director Marketing, Grants and Business Initiatives

SUBJECT: TradesFutures Grant Award

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend that the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB) approve a contract award of \$100,000 to the Kern, Inyo, Mono Building Trades Council (KIM BTC), funded through a TradesFutures grant from the U.S. Department of Labor, to serve 40 ValleyBuild participants in the Kern, Inyo, and Mono region during the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:

The FRWDB received a \$100,000 grant from TradesFutures with a term of June 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, to recruit, train, and place 40 participants into Registered Apprenticeship Programs. The program will focus on underserved populations facing significant barriers to employment, with training conducted in Kern County communities.

The FRWDB will contract with KIM BTC to provide outreach, recruitment, enrollment, workforce readiness training, Multi-Craft Core Curriculum (MC3) instruction, case management, and apprenticeship placement support. The total contract amount is \$100,000 for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The contract award will result in a \$100,000 expenditure in the Fiscal Year 2026–2027 budget, funded by the TradesFutures grant.

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AGENDA ITEM:	7
MEETING DATE:	October 21, 2026
ACTION:	INFORMATION

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TO: Executive Committee
FROM: Blake Konczal, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Director's Quarterly Update

INFORMATION:

Updates will be provided on various subjects.

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AGENDA ITEM:	8
MEETING DATE:	October 21, 2026
ACTION:	DIRECT

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TO: Executive Committee
FROM: Edgar Blunt, Chair
SUBJECT: Referral of Agenda Items to Other Committees

RECOMMENDATION:

Discuss and direct staff regarding the referral of agenda items from this meeting to one or more of the other standing committees of the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:

This item is intended to allow the Executive Committee to collectively decide which of the items you just discussed should be referred to another committee(s) and the reason they are being referred (information, action, etc.).