Regional K-16 Education Collaboratives Grant Program

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Poll: Which region do you represent?

Which Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF) region do you represent?
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Introduction

- Why program is based at the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC)
- OPSC’s role
- Selection of Foundation for California Community Colleges (FoundationCCC) as Third Party Administrator
Purpose:

- Competitive grant program to support regional K-16 education collaboratives that create streamlined pathways from high school to postsecondary education and into the workforce
Collaboratives must:

- Include at least one K-12 school district, at least one University of California campus, at least one California State University campus, and at least one California Community College district
- Establish a steering committee with 25+ percent local employers
- Commit to participate in the California Cradle-to-Career Data System (K-12 and CCGI)
- Commit to implement at least four of the following seven recommendations from Recovery with Equity report:
  - Improve faculty, staff, and administrator diversity.
  - Cultivate inclusive, engaging, and equity-oriented learning environments.
  - Retain students through inclusive supports.
  - Provide high-tech, high-touch advising.
  - Support college preparation and early credit.
  - Subsidize Internet access for eligible students.
  - Improve college affordability.
Collaboratives must:

Commit to create occupational pathways, including accelerated degree and/or credential programs that incorporate work-based learning, in at least two of the following sectors, based on regional needs:

- Healthcare
- Education
- Business management
- Engineering or Computing
Grant recipients will also be required to:

• Regularly track and report on progress as part of grant agreement
• Participate in evaluation activities, including data reporting and case studies
• Participate in site visits from program administrator (FoundationCCC) and technical assistance activities
Grant Awards

• Up to 13 awards, likely one per CERF region
• Grant awards based on size and scope of the applicant’s plans
• No financial advantage to applying for Phase 1 versus Phase 2
• Phase 1 grants: $15-20 million each
• Phase 2 Planning grants: $100,000 - $250,000
• Phase 2 Implementation grants: $15-$20 million each
Phases & Timelines

**Phase 1**
For well-established collaboratives that already include all required partners

- Apply by May 2, 2022
- Receive funds by start of fiscal year
- By June 30, 2024
  - Implement two of the target Recovery with Equity report recommendations
  - Fully establish one occupational pathway
  - Demonstrate progress toward the other recommendations and pathway
- By June 30, 2026
  - Fully implement all four target Recovery with Equity report recommendations
  - Fully implement both occupational pathways
Phase 2

For collaboratives that need more time to engage in further planning and development

- Apply for one-year planning grants in Fall 2022
- Apply for full implementation grants in Fall 2023
- By law, Phase 2 grant recipients will have the same deadlines as Phase 1 recipients for implementing Recovery with Equity report recommendations and occupational pathways
• CERF regions consistent with other recovery efforts
• Collaborative may choose to serve only a portion of the region
• Anticipate only one application will be funded per region
• A partner may participate in an application from outside a region
• Lead agency must be within the region intending to be served
• One designated lead agency per application
• Lead agency should be one of the required educational partners for the collaborative
• Lead agency can participate in another application but can be lead on only one application
• Lead agency must be the fiscal agent and able to execute contracts and process payments in an efficient manner
• A different entity can be the convener of the collaborative and provide “backbone” support and services
Phase 1 key dates

• Grant application released on April 1, 2022
• Applications due May 2, 2022
• Award announcements made on May 20, 2022
Phase 2 Planning Grant key dates

- Grant application released on September 1, 2022
- Applications due October 3, 2022
- Award announcements made on October 28, 2022
Phase 2 Implementation Grant key dates

- Grant application released on September 1, 2023
- Applications due October 3, 2023
- Award announcements made on October 28, 2023
Questions and Suggestions
Next Steps

• Visit website beginning February 28: www.k16collaborative.org
• Subscribe to listserv and submit questions or comments through website
• Submit questions to k16collaborative@foundationccc.org
• Applicant webinar in early April after release of grant application