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**SUBJECT:** Workforce Development in Economically Distressed Communities

Congratulations on receiving \$1 million dollars to support your college's economic and workforce development programs! The funds will come directly to your college as a direct appropriation. We look forward to celebrating student success outcomes consistent with the [Vision for Success](#) and following your progress in the LaunchBoard tool.

The intent of this funding was specified original in the 2017-2018 Budget Act. The Budget Act described the purpose of the funding as follows: to "provide grants to community college districts, in connection with the Economic and Workforce Development Program, for workforce development programs in distressed economic areas. Priority for grants provided under this section shall be given to regions with higher unemployment or regions with lower relative job growth in order to innovate or scale, or both, projects that accelerate workforce development."

- Imperial Valley Community College, \$1 million. Funding would help launch new correctional academy and medical assistant programs. The college will commit to local funding once state funding runs out.
- Fullerton Community College, \$1 million. Funding would support equipment upgrades to improve and expand welding program.

- San Bernardino Valley Community College, \$1 million. Funding would support new equipment, machinery, software and tools for 5 departments/initiatives within the Advanced Manufacturing Futures Initiative.
- Fresno City College, \$1 million. Funding would allow expansion of the Electrical Systems Technology and Welding programs by allowing purchase of robotics and other equipment.
- Norco Community College, \$1 million. Funding would support college's effort to purchase a building to create a one-stop program for area workforce training programs that would include office and classroom space. Norco would provide \$1.6 million in local funds to match the state funding.
- Bakersfield Community College, \$1 million. Funding would allow for expansion of HVAC, industrial automation, and welding programs, and improve distance education.
- Hartnell College, \$1 million. Funding would support equipment purchases for agricultural and nursing programs, including drones, diesel equipment, industrial refrigeration equipment, and farm equipment for new Innovation Farm program.
- Modesto Community College, Volt Institute, \$1 million. Funding would provide the 40% local match for the Federal Economic Development Administration Grant. The grant will allow the Volt Institute to serve 200 more students annually by expanding the certified industrial maintenance program and the industrial electronics, manufacturing and machine program.

A helpful resource is the searchable inventory of 2018 [Strong Workforce Stars](#). These 1,386 career education programs have achieved exemplary student outcomes.

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