



# California Community Colleges

## MEMORANDUM

November 7, 2018

18-010 | Via Email

TO: Chief Executive Officers  
Chief Instructional Officers  
Chief Business Officers  
Career Education Deans  
Deputy Sector Navigators  
Sector Navigators  
Regional Consortia Chairs  
WEDPAC/EDPAC  
Division of Apprenticeship Standards  
California Department of Education  
California Labor and Workforce Development Agency

FROM: Javier Romero, Dean, Workforce and Economic Development Division

RE: Request for Applications – California Apprenticeship Initiative (CAI) Agriculture or Rural Areas New and Innovative Grant Program

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The California Community College Chancellor's Office (Chancellor's Office) is pleased to announce the availability of \$4,000,000 in Proposition 98 funding for the CAI, Agriculture or Rural Areas New and Innovative Grant Program. This grant opportunity is part of the Fiscal Year 2018-19 \$15,000,000 CAI, which seeks to expand apprenticeship training program models throughout California's rural regions and agricultural industry.

Moreover, apprenticeship training program expansion is part of Chancellor's Office strategy to achieve the Board of Governors adopted *Vision for Success*, which situates the California Community Colleges as a key driver of social and economic mobility for Californians who have long faced barriers to success. As provided in the Vision for Success Report (July 2017), there are *significant disparities in basic CCC service coverage and penetration in different regions of the state. Areas with the lowest college attainment of adults and the lowest median household income also have the lowest CCC enrollment per capita. In other words, the CCC's valuable education and job-training services are not always reaching those parts of the state where they are most needed.* This is particularly an issue for our State's rural regions. Taking account regional disparities, to better support the improvement of the outcomes and

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completion rate of students from communities historically underrepresented and underserved in postsecondary education, we are pleased to release this RFA.

**BACKGROUND:** California Education Code 79148, states, *to the extent that sufficient federal funds and other resources are available, the Division of Apprenticeship Standards of the Department of Industrial Relations, in partnership with the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, shall develop and implement innovative apprenticeship training demonstration projects in high-growth industries in emerging and transitioning occupations that meet local labor market needs and that are validated by current labor market data.*

### **Bidder's Conference Participant Invitation**

Topic: CAI Agriculture or Rural Areas New and Innovative Grant Program

Time: Dec 7, 2018 3:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/543161204>

Telephone:

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Meeting ID: 543 161 204

### **Action/Date Requested:**

1. Applications must be submitted electronically in a single PDF to the CCCCCO by **5:00 p.m. on January 25, 2019** to [Apprenticeship@cccco.edu](mailto:Apprenticeship@cccco.edu) with the subject line reading: **18-19 Rural/AGCAI\_ (District Name)**. No separate e-mails with pieces of applications will be accepted. The single PDF of the application must be e-mailed. Applications e-mailed to any address other than listed above will not be accepted. No phone calls regarding any aspect of this RFA will be accepted by the CCCCCO.

2. The California Apprenticeship Initiative, Agriculture or Rural Areas New and Innovative Grant Program RFA Instructions, Terms, and Conditions describe opportunities and application requirements for these competitive grant opportunities available to California Community College Districts, California Department of Education Local Educational Agencies, including Regional Occupational Centers and Programs and County Offices of Education. All application materials can be accessed at:  
<http://extranet.cccco.edu/Divisions/WorkforceandEconDev/WEDDRFAs/RFA18195CaliforniaApprenticeshipInitiative.aspx>
3. To the degree possible, each inquiry should cite the RFA section and paragraph to which it refers. The CCCCO will accept e-mailed questions up to **5:00 p.m. on January 4, 2019**, which is the date, posted on the cover of this RFA.
4. The maximum size for all attachments sent within an individual e-mail to the CCCCO is 10MB. The CCCCO suggests that applicants check to see what their servers allow for attachments when sending documents.

NOTE: Within five business days after receiving an application via e-mail, the CCCCO will send an e-mail receipt. If after this timeframe the applicant does not receive a receipt, they should email [Apprenticeship@cccoco.edu](mailto:Apprenticeship@cccoco.edu) to confirm receipt of their application.

For questions, please contact Nick Esquivel at [apprenticeship@cccoco.edu](mailto:apprenticeship@cccoco.edu).

cc: Chancellor's Office Workforce and Economic Development Division Staff

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