

# Workforce Accelerator Fund 7.0 Orientation Webinar



## Q&A

April 23, 2019

**1. What is the Grant Period?**

May 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020

**2. Will the reports due include financials and narrative?**

The Monthly Reports due to EDD will be short; more information about the content will be provided during the EDD Launch Webinar. The Quarterly Narrative Reports due to State Board and EDD will include narrative, quantitative, and fiscal questions.

**3. Please clarify if all participants that are receiving direct services need to be WIOA eligible.**

Since Accelerator is funded by the WIOA Governor's 15% discretionary dollars, any participants served directly with the Accelerator funds must be WIOA eligible and tracked in CalJOBS.

**4. When are the monthly invoices due?**

EDD Project Managers will explain the process during the EDD Launch Webinar. Accelerator grants are federal dollars in subgrant agreements, therefore funds are drawn down, not invoiced for reimbursement.

**5. Is there a match requirement, and if so what backup is required?**

Yes, please refer to the RFA which outlines the match requirement, which was also addressed in your proposal during the application process. Proposals that did not have match were disqualified. Your match is documented in your budget forms, formalized in your subgrant agreement, and tracked in expenditures as part of our grant management processes.

**6. If we will be contracting with consultants, can we invoice upfront for research services?**

These are subgrants from which the awardee can draw down funds. There is no up-front invoicing in subgrants. If you proposed to contract research services, you can draw down those funds from your subgrant account. If needed, please ask for more clarification during the EDD Launch Webinar.

**7. Is there a variance allowance for the budget expenditures?**

Your budget forms should be as accurate as possible. That being said, we allow for adjustments based on need. To do so, you would submit a modification form request. Should the modification exceed a line item threshold, a full subgrant modification may be needed. If you require additional clarification, please ask during the EDD Launch Webinar.

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**8. Are you going to be sending information on training for CalJOBS so we know how to track for this grant?**

EDD Project Managers will schedule CalJOBS training sessions for each grant recipient. More information will be provided during the EDD Launch Webinar.

**9. We would like to add a couple of focus groups with job seekers. Is that different from serving job seekers with this grant?**

If you plan to invite job seekers that are not enrolled in the program to attend a focus group, then they are different from enrolled participants receiving services. However, if you provide stipends, as an example, to the job seekers that participate in the focus groups they must be WIOA eligible, enrolled in the program and CalJOBS.

**10. Are there any territory boundaries for the projects? Can we work with stakeholders and enroll participants anywhere in California? We have interest in our apprenticeship project from many other areas besides our own.**

It is allowable to develop and implement your project in another region if you have the capacity. However, the intent of Accelerator is to seed and test innovative practices in serving populations with barriers to employment. If this is a New Project, it would be recommended to be focused in your geographic area. If you are an Innovation Impact project and proposed to scale and replicate a successful project in another region, your project was awarded on that basis.

**11. What is the contact information for the EDD Project Manager and State Board Program Analyst?**

Contact information for the assigned EDD Project Manager and State Board Program Analyst is provided in the Grant Point of Contact document shared with you via email following the State Board Orientation Webinar.

**12. Where is the link to the WIOA eligibility requirements?**

Links to the WIOA eligibility directives can be found in the RFA, the email following the State Board Orientation Webinar, and [here](#) (Adult and Dislocated Workers) and [here](#) (Youth).

**13. When will we be assigned a coach/mentor?**

Amanda Gerrie will assign a coach/mentor to each grant recipient within the next two weeks.

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## 14. When will we receive our subgrant agreement?

Subgrant Agreements will be executed after the exhibits are reviewed and revised, if necessary. The EDD Project Managers will have more information to share about this process during the EDD Launch Webinar.