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STATE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD AND THE FOUNDATION FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO AWARD \$22.7 MILLION IN NEW GRANTS TO IMPROVE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Breaking Barriers to Employment Initiative provides \$22,760,000 in grant funding to address systemic inequality in the workforce.

SACRAMENTO, CA – Today, the California Workforce Development Board (CWDB), in partnership with the Foundation for California Community Colleges, announced \$22.7 Million in new funding to provide grants of up to \$750,000 for community-based organizations and local workforce development boards. The *Breaking Barriers to Employment Initiative* allows for a wide range of services to help unserved and underserved Californians gain and retain employment at wages that can lead to economic security.

The [AB628 Breaking Barriers to Employment Initiative](#) expands programs that ensure individuals from target populations receive supplemental, supportive, remedial, and wraparound services to prepare for the workforce successfully. Under the initiative, mission-driven, community-based organizations (CBOs) work collaboratively with local workforce boards to provide high-quality work services and address the barriers individuals face, including poverty, racism, and health problems. Lead applicants must be either a CBO or a workforce development board.

Interested applicants can register for an [informational meeting](#) on **Tuesday, July 12, 2022, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.** Applicants must submit all funding requests electronically through the [Cal-E Grants](#) website.

For more information, please email breakingbarriers@foundationccc.org.

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The California Workforce Development Board is the Governor's agent for the development, oversight, and continuous improvement of California's workforce development system. The CWDB assists the Governor in setting and guiding workforce development policy, developing innovative initiatives through statewide programs, and expanding the High Road vision through its field branch. For more information, visit www.cwdb.ca.gov.

The Foundation for California Community Colleges is the official non-profit foundation of the California Community Colleges Board of Governors and Chancellor's Office. The Foundation's mission is to benefit, support, and enhance the missions of the California Community Colleges system, the largest higher education system in the nation. Incorporated in 1998, the Foundation works to benefit all California Community College students, colleges, college foundations, and the system as a whole by accelerating paths to economic and social mobility, strengthening communities, and reducing barriers to opportunities for all Californians. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit organization. For more information, visit www.foundationccc.org.