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### STATE WORKFORCE BOARD AWARDS \$33.7 MILLION TO CREATE HIGH QUALITY JOBS FOR UNDERSERVED CALIFORNIANS

*The High Road Training Partnerships Resilient Workforce Program invests in workforce opportunities that advance job quality and environmental resilience.*

**SACRAMENTO, CA** – The [California Workforce Development Board](http://www.cwdb.ca.gov) (CWDB), in partnership with the [California Labor & Workforce Development Agency](http://www.caldwd.org), recently awarded nearly \$33.7 million to seven projects across the state to advance [High Road<sup>SM</sup> Training Partnerships](http://www.caldwd.org) (HRTPs) that move underserved populations into quality jobs.

Today's funding announcement is part of a larger, multi-level state investment to promote workforce development efforts that prioritize equity, quality jobs, and climate resilience while meeting regional labor market needs. Since 2017, the CWDB has awarded a total of \$248,303,564.68 to 93 H RTP projects.

“Funding for existing HRTPs, which invest in industry-led worker-informed efforts, deliver on Governor Newsom’s promise of a California for All,” said California Workforce Development Board Chief Deputy Director Curtis Notsinneh. “California continues to lead the nation in investments that recognize and lift up the middle-class, while meeting the skills needs of our employers to stay competitive and innovative.”

Projects receiving funding include:

- *\$13.3 million for Shirley Ware Education & Resource Center (SWEC)* – Severe workforce shortages in the community clinic sector will be addressed by training new participants in the healthcare field. The project will support 3,688 workers and focus on high labor standards for growing occupations like Community Health Workers. With an emphasis on community clinics, SWEC will expand High Road partnerships into low-income, immigrant, and historically disadvantaged communities, increasing equity and economic resiliency across the state.
- *\$13.3 million for Western States Council of Sheet Metal Workers (WSCSMW)* – The project will support the state’s energy efficiency and decarbonization efforts by training 2,885 apprentices and journeypersons to tackle California’s evolving needs for greenhouse gas reduction. WSCSMW will enhance trainees’ market competitiveness by focusing on energy efficiency and sustainability, aligning with the industry's shift toward environmentally conscious practices.

- *\$5 million for California Legacy Well Services LLC (CLWS)* – CLWS will focus on the remediation of 20 wells in Kern, Ventura, Fresno, and San Luis Obispo counties, creating over 200 new jobs, while providing community education and outreach, and contributing to improved air and environmental quality by using the most resilient approach to well remediation.
- *\$500,000 for Get Focused, Stay Focused (GFSF)* – This project will help support the transition for 400 workers from low-income, rural, underserved, and marginalized communities with a focus on English Language Learners (ELLs) into postsecondary programs, work-based learning opportunities, and high-skill, high wage jobs in the healthcare industry.
- *\$499,500 for Equitable Food Initiative (EFI)* – This project will create formal pathways for frontline farmworkers to earn credentials for statewide recognized skills in the produce industry. EFI is working with stakeholders to establish the infrastructure necessary for recognizing new skills, fair compensation, and safe employment.

A complete list of awardees can be found on the CWDB's [website](#).

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