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State Workforce Board Awards \$2.9 M to Drive Quality Jobs for Native Americans, Veterans, and Underserved Workers

The California Workforce Development Board announced funding to support workers, including veterans and Native Americans, who have been underserved by traditional workforce systems.

Sacramento — Continuing the State’s commitment to improving job quality and advancing economic opportunity for all Californians, the California State Workforce Development Board (CWDB) announced \$2.9 million in funding through its Workforce Accelerator Fund (Accelerator). Accelerator 13 will fund 11 workforce development projects that bridge workforce and education gaps for workers who have been excluded from economic opportunities, including Veterans, Native Americans, and workers from disadvantaged communities.

Through a combination of seed funding and an initiative-wide support network, Accelerator provides an opportunity for the workforce system to align funding for programs and services in unique, worker-centered ways. Round 13 of Accelerator funding allows successful past projects the opportunity to scale their efforts and embeds the work of the Governor’s Unified Strategic Workforce Plan, California Jobs First regional priorities, and CWDB’s High Road vision to generate greater employment impacts across the state.

View a complete list of awardees at [Accelerator 13](#).

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