

## Helping Justice-Involved Reenter Employment 2.0 Award Announcement

The California Workforce Development Board (CWDB) is pleased to announce the following organizations have been awarded funding through the HIRE 2.0 grant program.

HIRE 2.0 will increase employment opportunities and job mobility for formerly incarcerated and justice-involved individuals. The grant program will fund apprenticeships, training, supportive services, reskilling and upskilling and needs-related payments.

### HIRE 2.0 Awardees: July 2026

| Lead Applicant                                      | Project Name                                                    | Award Amount |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Center for Employment Opportunities, Inc - New York | California's Reentry Employment Opportunity Network             | \$3,000,000  |
| Center for Employment Training                      | Integrated Services for Justice Involved Individuals - HIRE 2.0 | \$1,500,000  |
| Epidaurus                                           | AmityWorks                                                      | \$2,400,000  |
| Latino Coalition for Community Leadership           | Work and Gain Education and Employment Skills (WAGEES)          | \$1,600,000  |
| Reignite Hope                                       | HIRE 2.0 Welding to Workforce Pathways by ReIGNITE HOPE         | \$200,000    |
| Youth Employment Partnership, Inc.                  | YEP: Oakland Career Connections                                 | \$800,000    |

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