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STATE WORKFORCE BOARD ANNOUNCES \$28.5 MILLION TO SUPPORT HEALTHCARE SECTOR TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT FOR UNDERSERVED WORKERS

The High Road Training Partnership Healthcare Grant prioritizes partnerships focused on connecting workers to high-quality, middle-skill jobs in the Healthcare sector.

SACRAMENTO, CA—The California Workforce Development Board (CWDB) and the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency (LWDA) today announced the availability of up to \$28.5 million in grant funding for the High Road Training Partnerships (H RTP) 2024-25 Healthcare Grant Program

This cycle of the H RTP grant program extends the state's commitment to advancing job quality, economic equity, and climate resilience for all Californians, and will focus on funding training partnerships that increase the number of new workers in quality jobs in the healthcare sector. The H RTP grant program is part of the Workforce for a Healthy California initiative and is aligned with Governor Gavin Newsom's Jobs First strategy.

Qualifying projects will lead to jobs that pay good wages, offer opportunities for career advancement, and create or strengthen pathways to economic security and upward mobility. Applicants should propose innovative and accessible opportunities to recruit, train, hire, and advance an ethnically and culturally inclusive healthcare workforce with improved diversity and higher wages.

Since 2022, the State of California has invested more than \$85 million in 23 H RTP healthcare projects statewide – part of Governor Gavin Newsom's larger push to adequately prepare people for fulfilling careers in high-growth sectors of the economy. The H RTP projects already

funded will serve a projected 12,420 participants, helping them gain valuable skills and accreditation to secure, well-paying jobs. In total, the H RTP investments are expected to total \$106 million by the end of 2026 – serving 14,700 participants.

H RTP HC will fund healthcare projects in three stages of project readiness: Planning and Development, Training Implementation, and Expanding. The funding range is between \$500K and \$5 million, depending on the type of project and its duration. All projects must incorporate High Road principles to create good-paying jobs, address economic disparities, and support California's transition to a clean energy economy.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to attend the [application webinar](#) on Thursday, October 17, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. to learn more about the grant and application process. Applications are due Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Visit the [H RTP HC](#) website to learn more about this funding opportunity. The H RTP HC is supported by the California Workforce Development Board (CWDB) and the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency (LWDA), with funding totaling \$28.5 million.

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The [California Workforce Development Board](#) forges partnerships with businesses, labor, and government to build a High Road economy defined by equity, quality jobs, and climate resiliency that challenges systemic barriers toward shared economic prosperity.