Employment Development Department
State of California
Workforce Services

INFORMATION NOTICE

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SLINGSHOT AND WORKFORCE ACCELERATOR FUND INNOVATION EVALUATION REQUEST FOR APPLICATION

The California Workforce Development Board (State Board) and the Employment Development Department (EDD) are pleased to announce the availability of up to $500,000 in *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act* (WIOA) Title I Governor's Discretionary funds to assess and evaluate two of the State Board's signature innovation initiatives: SlingShot and Workforce Accelerator Fund (Accelerator). Through this Request for Application (RFA), the State Board will fund three types of Innovation Evaluation Projects: Workforce Accelerator Fund Evaluation; SlingShot Evaluation; Innovation Evaluation Coordinator.

In an effort to evaluate the Governor's investment in innovative service delivery and employer engagement strategies, an evaluation model comprised of specialized teams coordinated by an evaluator is necessary to identify innovation effectiveness for both Accelerator and SlingShot. This evaluation model also provides an opportunity to identify how each initiative might be interacting and/or integrated with one another. Each team is responsible for and will focus on an initiative's innovation effectiveness and lessons learned. The innovation evaluation coordinator will collectively work with the teams and the State Board to co-produce a final report with policy recommendations based on findings.

Eligible applicants for this RFA include public and not-for-profit organizations, academic institutions, and private for-profit businesses that meet the minimum qualifications. The State Board and the EDD anticipate funding up to three grants not to exceed $200,000 each for each Project Type for up to 12 months in duration. Applicants may apply for one or more Project Types, but must submit separate applications for each.

All applications must be received no later than **May 25, 2017** before 3 p.m. PST.

For more information on this funding opportunity and its requirements, please refer to the RFA Notice for the Innovation Evaluation on the State Board's Initiatives web page.

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