

PRISON TO EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE – RFA

The California Workforce Development Board (State Board) and the Employment Development Department (EDD) are pleased to announce the availability of approximately \$34 million in state General Funds for the implementation of regional plans to serve the formerly incarcerated and other justice-involved individuals in California. These funds will be released as grants to each of the 14 Regional Planning Units (RPU), with up to \$14 million released in fiscal year 2018-19, and up to \$20 million released in fiscal year 2019-20.

In June 2018, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. signed the *Budget Act of 2018* ([Senate Bill 856](#)), which provided \$37 million in state General Funds to establish the Prison to Employment Initiative. This funding is intended to support regional planning efforts, fund regional plan implementation, and provide resources for direct services to the formerly incarcerated and other justice-involved individuals.

The Prison to Employment Initiative funds will be distributed to RPUs through two grants:

- Regional Implementation and Direct Services Grant to fund the implementation of regional workforce corrections plans and provide direct services pursuant to the regional plans.
- Regional Supportive Services and Earn and Learn Grant to provide supportive services and “earn and learn” opportunities for justice-involved individuals and the formerly incarcerated.

Each RPU must designate one Local Workforce Development Board in their region to be the applicant and fiscal agent, and must submit proof of this agreement with their application. The State Board is currently funding planning grants with the designated Local Workforce Development Board identified by each RPU.

For more information on this funding opportunity and its requirements, please refer to the Request for Applications notice for the [Prison to Employment Initiative](#) on the State Board’s website.

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