Employment Development Department
State of California

INFORMATION NOTICE

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WORKFORCE ACCELERATOR FUND 8.0 – REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

The California Workforce Development Board (CWDB) and the Employment Development Department are pleased to announce the availability of up to $3 million in *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act* funds to design, develop, and implement projects that accelerate employment and re-employment strategies for California job seekers.

The Workforce Accelerator Fund (WAF) 8.0 will target individuals experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity. While employment alone cannot solve the housing shortage facing California, it is a crucial part of the strategy to improve outcomes for individuals who lack stable living conditions. The goal of the WAF 8.0 initiative is to inspire innovative thinking, expand partnerships, and generate cross-system collaboration to address the barriers to employment impacting California's homeless population.

The WAF 8.0 will use the Accelerator framework to test innovative solutions that can benefit the workforce system as a whole.

Interested applicants are encouraged to register for the WAF 8.0 Application Workshop webinar, which is scheduled for 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. PT on Tuesday, November 19, 2019.

All applications must be received by 3 p.m. PT on **Monday, December 23, 2019**.

For more information on this funding opportunity and its requirements, please refer to the WAF 8.0 Request for Applications on the CWDBs Workforce Accelerator Fund web page.

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