

# Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

# Allied Health Program PY 2024-25

# Award List and Project Summaries

On May 16, 2025, $2 million of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act 15% Governor’s Discretionary funds were awarded to two organizations under the Allied Health Program (AHPP) for Program Year 2024-25 (PY 24-25) Solicitation for Proposals. Awardees and project summaries are listed below. Funding decisions are final.

## Award List

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| **Applicant Name** | **County** | **Award** |
| San Diego State University Research Foundation | San Diego and Imperial | $1,000,000 |
| South Bay Workforce Investment Board, Inc. | Los Angeles, Madera, Orange County, Riverside,  San Bernardino, and Ventura. | $1,000,000 |

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| Project Summaries |

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| **APPLICANT** | **San Diego State University Research Foundation**  5500 Campanile Drive  San Diego, CA 92182-1931 |
| **CONTACT** | Steve Torok, Director, Sponsored Research Development  1-619-594-5731  [sdsurfawards@sdsu.edu](mailto:sdsurfawards@sdsu.edu) |
| **AWARD** | $1,000,000 |
| **ALLIED HEALTH OCCUPATIONS OF FOCUS** | * Mental, Behavioral, and Community Health * Administrative Support * Nursing |
| **KEY PARTNERS** | * San Diego Community College District |
| **PROJECT DESCRIPTION** | Health Works! aims to synchronize community college and university career services for individuals pursuing various educational programs by integrating apprenticeship models into the academic ecosystem and developing a stackable Work-Based Learning (WBL) framework. The project proposes a three-tiered WBL model that enables job seekers to progressively enhance their skills and experience while providing employers with a scalable and replicable system applicable across the California Community Colleges (CCC), California State University (CSU), and University of California (UC) systems. Additionally, it leverages technology to expand operations and establish a virtual career community accessible to job seekers, service providers, and employers. |
| **EXPECTED OUTCOMES** | * Total Participants: 280 * Number enrolled in Training/WBL: 210 (75%) * Credential Completion: 196 (70%) * Total Exited: 191 (68%) * Employment 2nd Quarter After Placement: 196 (70%) * Employment 4th Quarter After Placement: 191 (68%) * Credential Attainment 4 Quarters After Exit: 196 (70%) * Median Earnings 2nd Quarter After Exit: $8,580 |

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| **APPLICANT** | **South Bay Workforce Investment Board, Inc.**  11539 Hawthorne Blvd., Suite 500  Hawthorne, CA 90250 |
| **CONTACT** | Syuzanna Petrosyan, Director of Special Projects  1-310-970-7700  [spetrosyan@sbwib.org](mailto:spetrosyan@sbwib.org) |
| **AWARD** | $1,000,000 |
| **ALLIED HEALTH OCCUPATIONS OF FOCUS** | * Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) * Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) * Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) * Medical Assistant (MA) * Pharmacy Technician (CPhT) * Radiologic Technologist (RT) |
| **KEY PARTNERS** | * Alta Los Angeles (Alta LA) * American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) * Beach Cities Health District * California State University, Dominguez Hills (CSUDH) * Centinela Hospital * El Camino College * Hospital Association of Southern California (HASC) * HOAG Hospital * Institute for Professional Development and Certification (IPDC) * Prestige Career College * ProCareer Academy * Providence West Valley * Propel America * Rancho Research Institute * South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) (Lead applicant) * STV Allied Health Education Centers * Valley Children's Healthcare * West Los Angeles College (West LA College) |
| **PROJECT DESCRIPTION** | The Advancing Careers Equitably (ACE) project is a transformative workforce development initiative designed to address equity gaps in healthcare employment in key areas of California. Led by the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB), the project will support 240 participants from underrepresented populations and underserved communities in overcoming employment barriers and transitioning into high-demand, sustainable allied health careers.  Through partnerships with healthcare employers, educational institutions, and advocacy organizations, ACE provides participants with access to culturally relevant outreach, industry-aligned training, wrap-around support services, and work-based learning opportunities. Participants will gain critical skills and certifications, preparing them for living-wage jobs and career advancement in the healthcare sector.  ACE emphasizes collaboration and sustainability, leveraging employer contributions and building partnerships to maximize impact and ensure long-term program success. By addressing workforce shortages and fostering equitable access to healthcare careers, the project strengthens economic opportunities for participants while enhancing the healthcare sector’s capacity to meet the state’s diverse needs. |
| **EXPECTED OUTCOMES** | The Advancing Careers Equitably (ACE) project is designed to create mid- and long-term outcomes that demonstrate participants' progress toward successful allied health career pathways, while driving meaningful change within the regional workforce system. Mid-term outcomes include participants achieving industry-recognized certifications, gaining employment in living-wage allied health roles, and successfully transitioning to unsubsidized employment. These outcomes reflect measurable progress toward workforce readiness and economic mobility for individuals who face systemic barriers to employment.  Long-term outcomes focus on sustained career advancement, increased retention in allied health roles, and upward mobility for participants. Additionally, the ACE project aims to enhance the inclusivity and responsiveness of the healthcare workforce system by fostering stronger employer partnerships, integrating equitable hiring practices, and creating scalable training models that prioritize underserved populations. |