

EXHIBIT A: COYA SCOPE OF WORK

[Project Name]

[Grant Type – PI, AI]

A. GRANT PROVISIONS

This grant seeks to improve access to training and employment opportunities for opportunity youth throughout the state by supporting continuation of apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs that have demonstrated performance under prior California Opportunity Youth Apprenticeship (COYA) funding:

1. Pre-Apprenticeship Implementation (COYA-PI): The Pre-Apprenticeship Implementation Grant supports effective pre-apprenticeship programs that are registered with the Division of Apprenticeship Standards (DAS) and maintain strong linkages to DAS Registered Apprenticeship Programs (RAPs). Programs must continue to prioritize recruitment and service delivery for opportunity youth and provide supportive services and training designed to prepare participants for successful entry into apprenticeship.
2. Apprenticeship Implementation (COYA-AI): The Apprenticeship Implementation Grant supports DAS Registered Apprenticeship Programs and their partners in continuing to serve opportunity youth through apprenticeship pathways. Programs must provide supportive services, training, and employment opportunities that promote successful entry, retention, and completion in apprenticeship programs.

The COYA) Grant was established in Senate Bill 191 to expand access to earn-and-learn opportunities for opportunity youth who are disconnected or at risk of disconnection from education, employment, housing, and other stabilizing systems.

B. GRANT SUMMARY

Fiscal Agent: Foundation For California Community Colleges

Authorized Official: Michele Beyer

Grant Title: Foundation For California Community Colleges

Total Grant Amount (Not to Exceed): **\$650,000.00**

- Pre-apprenticeship Implementation

C. GRANT PARTIES

Correspondence regarding this project shall be directed to:

DAS Grant Manager: DeAnn Harrison

Title: Manager I

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All official correspondence, including questions, requests, and submissions related to this grant shall be directed to the DAS Grant Manager. Grant party information may be updated by written email and does not require a formal grant amendment, but DIR requires that grant party information be kept fully up to date.

D. PERFORMANCE PERIOD

The performance period for the COYA Round 3 Continuation Grant begins on the effective start date as defined below and ends on March 31, 2028.

Grantees may not begin Round 3 activities or incur any associated costs until all applicable Round 1 and/or Round 2 requirements have been fully satisfied. This includes complete expenditure of awarded funds, fulfillment of all deliverables, and submission of all required final reports. Round 3 activities may proceed only after the closeout process for Round 1 and Round 2 has been completed and the grantee has received formal written confirmation, in the form of a closeout letter, indicating that all grant requirements have been successfully fulfilled.

The effective start date for allowable activities and costs shall be the latest of the following:

1. The start date on the cover sheet of the grant
2. The date the Round 3 grant is fully executed by both parties
3. The date when the "Authorization to Incur Expense Letter" is issued for this Round 3 grant.

The "Authorization to Incur Expense Letter" will be issued by the DAS Grant Team when all required final reporting for the Round 1/Round 2 COYA grant has been received and approved, and all closeout requirements have been completed.

Any activities conducted or costs incurred prior to the effective start date will not be allowable. No obligations or expenditures are permitted before the effective start date or after the end of the grant period.

Any funds not expended during the grant period must be returned to DAS in accordance with grant closeout requirements.

1. Quarterly Performance Periods

The first quarter shall begin on the effective start date, defined above, and will conclude on September 30, 2026.

All subsequent quarters will align with calendar quarters as follows:

Q1: Effective Start Date through September 30, 2026

Q2: October 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026
Q3: January 1, 2027 through March 31, 2027
Q4: April 1, 2027 through June 30, 2027
Q5: July 1, 2027 through September 30, 2027
Q6: October 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027
Q7: January 1, 2028 through March 31, 2028

2. The final quarter of performance will conclude March 31, 2028.

Performance of work or other expenses billable to the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) and DAS under this grant may commence only after the effective start date, as defined in this section.

DIR may terminate this Grant Agreement by written notice at any time prior to completion of projects funded by this Grant Agreement.

E. PURPOSE

The purpose of the COYA Round 3 Continuation Grants is to continue funding programs that meet eligibility requirements based on their performance in COYA Round 1 and 2. The intent of the continuation funding is to sustain and expand programs that are already demonstrating impact, strengthening earn and learn pathways for opportunity youth, and contributing to statewide goals for apprenticeship expansion. There are two categories of Continuation Grants; Pre-Apprenticeship Implementation Grants (COYA-PI) and Apprenticeship Implementation Grants (COYA-AI).

Career Apprenticeship Bridge (CAB) Program is a new program idea included in COYA Round 3. The CA Youth Apprenticeship Committee report proposes initiating a youth apprenticeship journey starting in high school and would integrate Career Technical Education (CTE) into the apprenticeship system. CAB Programs would be offered by a RAP sponsors and would articulate an initial phase of the apprenticeship that includes a minimum of 300 hours paid OJT hours through a Work Experience Education program or equivalent, along with at least 144 hours of occupation-specific apprenticeship related and supplemental instruction (RSI) as part of a CTE pathway or equivalent. When possible, a CAB could offer a minimum of one college enrollment course (or equivalent) so students can earn early college credits. DAS is interested in learning from pilots of this CAB program idea, but a CAB program is just a concept at this point and has not been statutorily established. Only an established Registered Apprenticeship Program could pilot this concept, since any CAB participant would be a registered apprentice with the full ability to continue in the apprenticeship after high school graduation.

1. Pre-Apprenticeship Implementation Grant (COYA-PI)

The Pre-Apprenticeship Implementation Grant funding will go to support effective pre-apprenticeship programs that have strong linkages to a RAP. These RAP Programs should prioritize recruiting and serving opportunity youth and providing them with supportive services and strategic training that prepare them as quickly as possible to enter and succeed in an apprenticeship. These RAP programs can offer paid training and can utilize this funding to cover the cost of an educational stipend for pre-apprentices.

2. Apprenticeship Implementation Grant (COYA-AI)

The Apprenticeship Implementation Grant funding will go to programs that are effectively serving opportunity youth to enter and be successful in apprenticeship programs. The intent of this category of funding is to both support effective RAP programs and allow Community-Based Organizations (CBO) or workforce/educational partners to create a formal partnership with RAPs to recruit participants and offer supportive services to apprentices to increase the likelihood of completion and success. Therefore, applicants to this funding must already be a DAS RAP or be a CBO or workforce/educational partner that has a formal MOU with a RAP.

F. DELIVERABLES

The grantee will be required to fulfill and report progress towards the deliverables outlined in the Project Narrative in Exhibit A1, Outcomes table(s) in Exhibit A2, and the Participant Plan (as applicable) in Exhibit A3.

The grantee must meet all reporting requirements and deadlines as outlined below and further detailed in Section H – Reporting.

Quarterly Reporting

- a. The Grantee shall submit comprehensive quarterly reports to DIR at the specified intervals outlined. DIR quarterly reports shall be completed using California Outreach Rapid Deployment (CORD) and any quarterly report template provided by DIR.
- b. Each quarterly report shall include:
 - I. A detailed description of the project activities completed during the reporting period.
 - II. An update of progress made towards achieving the contracted outcomes.
 - III. Data and analysis supporting the measurement of outcomes, including any challenges encountered and steps taken to address them.

- IV. Recommendations and action steps for any necessary adjustments to the project plan or strategies for achieving the expected outcomes.
 - V. Cumulative data collection from the beginning of the project period
- c. The grantee shall submit a Final Report to DIR, which shall be comprehensive of the entire grant period, and shall include:
- I. A detailed description of the project activities completed during the entire grant period.
 - II. Cumulative Data collection from the beginning of the project period
 - III. A summary of challenges encountered in implementing services during the grant
 - IV. A summary of successful strategies and procedures utilized by the Grantee in implementing services; and
 - V. A quantitative and qualitative final analysis of the project.

At the grant midpoint, one year into the grant performance period, the Pre-Apprenticeship Implementation grantee should demonstrate at least one or both of the following:

- a. That the guaranteed number of spots indicated within the RAP's MOU were fulfilled
- b. That sixty percent (60%) pre-apprentices have been placed in a DAS RAP

If the grantee fails to meet one or both of the above conditions, the second half of the grant award may be withheld.

G. BUDGET

1. The performance period for grantees funded under the COYA Grant will commence on the effective start date defined in the section **D. Performance Period** and continue until March 31, 2028. No obligation or commitment of funds will be allowed beyond the grant period of performance.
2. The maximum amount of this Grant is listed on the **Grant Agreement Coversheet**.
3. The budget narrative and the budget summary for the grantee are listed in Exhibit B and Exhibit B1 of this grant agreement. Grant disbursement requests for funds shall not exceed the grant amount.
4. 25% of the total grant amount will be paid upon receipt and approval of the first month's narrative progress report, which will be due one month after the contracted start date of the grant.

5. There will be quarterly reimbursement thereafter contingent upon approval of quarterly progress reports and the reimbursement of actual costs, which cannot commence until the contracted effective start date. The final 25% of expenses must be reported but will not be reimbursed since 25% of the grant was paid after the first month's approved report.
6. All payments are subject to the DAS's determination that the grantee's performance conforms with the grantee's project and may be terminated by the DAS.
7. Proposed funding is based on the anticipated availability of relevant funds. Should there be any developments that impact the availability of funding, DIR reserves the right to make adjustments based on the level of funding. DIR will be performing quarterly assessments based on reporting to ensure that grant recipients are meeting performance metrics and reserves the right to modify grant recipient awards based on those assessments.
8. **Payment Schedule:**
Pursuant to AB3017, enacted on September 27, 2024, advance payments may be made for state-funded grants to eligible entities under the following conditions:

9. Eligible Organizations:

Advance payments are available to the following types of organizations:

- a. **Nonprofit Organizations:** The grantee must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization serving disadvantaged, low-income, and under-resourced communities. To qualify for advance payment, the organization must:
 - b. Submit an itemized budget;
 - c. Provide documentation demonstrating the necessity for advance payment; and
 - d. Verify its current status as a tax-exempt organization in good standing under federal law.
- e. **Federally Recognized Indian Tribes:** Tribes with territorial boundaries wholly or partially within the State of California, including tribal agencies, entities, or arms (either individually or collectively), are also eligible. These entities are exempt from the requirement to demonstrate good standing as a federally tax-exempt organization.

10. Payment Terms

For eligible organizations, payment shall be made as follows:

- a. An advance payment of 25% of the total grant amount may be invoiced and disbursed upon or after the date of full execution of the grant agreement.

- b. The remaining funds will be disbursed on a quarterly reimbursement basis, contingent upon:
 1. Submission and approval of progress reports.
 2. Reimbursement requests supported by documentation of actual costs incurred.

11. Payment process:

Requirements to receive the first 25% payment:

- a. Signed and countersigned grant agreement
- b. "Closeout letter" received from the DAS Grants team – In order to receive a "Closeout letter", the grantee must both submit all final reporting for their corresponding COYA Round 1 or Round 2 grant, AND that reporting must have been reviewed and accepted by the DAS Grants team. In the closeout process, the DAS Grants team may have important questions or corrections from the grantee that must be addressed before closeout. Only once the reporting has been fully reviewed and accepted will the DAS Grants team send the "Closeout letter" (Note that the "Closeout letter" is different than the "Authorization to Incur Expense Letter" defined in D. Performance Period).
- c. Receipt and approval of the first month's narrative progress report will be submitted via California Outreach Rapid Deployment (CORD) platform, which will be due approximately one month (30 days) after the effective start date of the grant defined in D. Performance Period.

All 3 above elements must be complete, and the reporting must be received and approved by the DAS Grants team. Once approved, CORD will generate an invoice for the first 25% payment.

Requirement to receive all other reimbursements throughout the grant cycle: All grantees will need to provide quarterly reporting – see details outlined in Section H. Reports, and those reports must be received and approved by the DAS Grants team. After they have been approved, the grantee will be able to generate quarterly invoices for reimbursement by generating an invoice through CORD.

The final 25% of expenses must be reported but will not be reimbursed since 25% of the grant was paid after the first month's approved report.

12. Allowable Expenses:

- a. Allowable expenses for **Pre-apprenticeship Implementation Grants** include:

The award amount is up to \$12,000 per DAS registered pre-apprentice participant served. This funding breaks down into two parts:

- i. Educational Stipend: Up to \$6,000 of the per participant funding can be used as an educational stipend to pre-apprentices. Applicants must articulate their plan with the educational stipend, which can be up to \$6,000 per pre-apprentice; however, 100% of this funding must go to the pre-apprentices. The pre-apprenticeship program must articulate how the stipend will be fairly distributed over the duration of pre-apprenticeship program and align with completion.
- ii. Program Costs: The program can only apply for \$6,000 of per participant funding to cover program costs. Allowable program costs include:
 - Marketing program to employers
 - Recruitment of opportunity youth
 - Employer mentor training
 - Staffing for administering the program
 - Data and reporting costs, both staffing and software
 - Supportive Services:
 - Transportation
 - Equipment and tools including laptops, tablets and software along with other industry connected tools
 - Internet connection services
 - Emergency housing
 - Mental Health Services
 - Mentoring
 - Coaching including life coaching, interview coaching
 - Work clothing
 - Legal support for participants
 - Staffing for case management
 - Instructional costs
 - Curriculum development
 - Certification costs
 - Instructor's salaries
 - Instructor training
 - Learning materials
 - Administrative overhead costs are limited to 10% of the grant award - this includes costs such as administration and executive team salaries

Under no circumstances shall these funds be utilized for:

- Food and Beverage costs
- Lobbying costs
- Pre-Apprentice or Apprentice Wages: Since the Pre-Apprenticeship program cannot have any paid OJT as part of their program, the stipend cannot be used as wages but is instead an educational stipend during training.

- b. Allowable expenses for **Apprenticeship Implementation Grants** include
 - Supportive Services:
 - Transportation

- Equipment and tools including laptops, tablets and software along with other industry connected tools
- Internet connection services
- Emergency housing
- Mental Health Services
- Mentoring
- Coaching including life coaching, interview coaching
- Work clothing
- Legal support for participants
- Staffing for case management
- Instructional costs
 - Curriculum development
 - Certification costs
 - Instructor's salaries
 - Instructor training
 - Learning materials
- Marketing program to employers
- Recruitment of opportunity youth
- Employer mentor training
- Employer incentives to cover employer's costs related to the apprenticeship program such as equipment, mentor training and workers' compensation insurance premiums but NOT including apprentice wages
- Staffing for administering the program
- Data and reporting costs, both staffing and software
- Administrative overhead costs are limited to 10% of the grant award - this includes costs such as administration and executive team salaries

Under no circumstances shall these funds be utilized for:

- Food and Beverage costs
- Lobbying costs
- Pre-Apprentice or Apprentice Wages

13. General principles regarding costs and expenses for all categories of funding:

a. Costs must meet the following general criteria to be allowable:

- I. Must be necessary and reasonable for the performance of the grant award, and allocable the grant award
- II. Must be accorded consistent treatment. A cost may not be assigned as a direct cost if any other cost incurred for the same purpose in like circumstances has been allocated as an indirect cost
- III. Must be adequately documented
- IV. Must be allowable under, or otherwise comply with, grant requirements and grant award terms and conditions
- V. Must be in compliance with applicable state laws and requirements

- b. A cost is reasonable if, in its nature and amount, it does not exceed that which would be incurred by a prudent person under the circumstances prevailing at the time the decision was made to incur the cost. In determining the reasonableness of a given cost, consideration will be given to:
- I. Whether the cost is generally recognized as ordinary and necessary for the proper and efficient performance of the grant award
 - II. The requirements of the grant and the terms and conditions of the grant award (See Appendix 1 for Sample Agreement Terms and Conditions)
 - III. Market prices for comparable goods or services for the geographic area
 - IV. Whether the recipient deviates from its established practices and policies regarding the incurrence of costs, which may unjustifiably increase the award's cost.
- c. A cost is allocable to the grant award if the cost is incurred specifically for the award. If the cost benefits both award and non-award activities, the proportion that may be approximated using reasonable and properly documented methods may be charged to the grant award if approved by DIR.

H. REPORTING

The grantee must use the required state online reporting system, California Apprenticeship System (CAS) Web Registration known as DIR DAS SimpliGov to register their apprentices and pre-apprentices. The grantees will be expected to provide a report on progress towards agreed upon and contracted outcomes quarterly through CORD, which will include uploading participant reports generated from SimpliGov.

The first reporting phase will be one month (30 days) after the effective start date defined in Section **D. Performance Period**, at which time grantees must provide a narrative progress report towards contracted deliverables.

DIR and the CA Labor & Workforce Development Agency shall have the right to utilize all content (including print materials, social media posts and videos) generated by the grantee as part of this grant. The grantee shall share with DIR all content created during the previous quarter when completing quarterly reports.

At least one representative shall attend quarterly meetings with DIR for the entire length of the meeting. When the meeting is remote, grantees shall fully participate including having cameras on during the meeting.

The COYA grant has an explicit focus on equity and aims to ensure that race, income, geography, gender, citizenship status, ability, and other demographics and student characteristics no longer predict the outcomes of California's youth. To measure success towards that goal, the grantee's program will require the following reporting.

All grantees will, **at a minimum**, need to report quarterly via CORD on the following:

1. Deliverable Report regarding the contracted Outcomes
 - a. Specific updates on all Outcomes in Exhibit A2. Wherever possible, please be numeric and data based in your reporting.
 - b. List any partner organizations and the grantee's relationship with them and report on all activities, costs and progress made with those partners.
2. Fiscal Report must demonstrate actual use of funds for that reporting period.
3. Participant Reports which are downloaded from SimpliGov and uploaded into CORD.

All participants served must be age 16-24 at the start of the pre-apprenticeship or apprenticeship. The participants served cannot start before the beginning of the performance period of the grant.

Grantees must obtain proof that a participant meets one of the following criteria:

1. Current or former foster youth
2. Currently or formerly Pell-eligible
3. Currently or formerly WIOA Youth or Adult eligible
4. Currently or formerly enrolled in a Title 1 school
5. Residing in a high poverty census tract
6. Formerly incarcerated
7. Youth parent
8. Person with disability

Detailed report of eligible participants served to be validated as registered with DAS through SimpliGov, the DAS web registration database. Grantees will be required to work with programs to provide all needed information through SimpliGov and then download the COYA Participant Report to be then uploaded to CORD. Through Simpligov. The following information must be provided for every participant served:

- 1 Participant Name
- 2 Last 4 digits of Social Security Number
- 3 Program Name
- 4 DAS File Number
- 5 Program Type
- 6 Occupation
- 7 Date of Birth
- 8 Gender
- 9 Gender Identity (optional)
- 10 Sexual Orientation (optional)
- 11 Highest Year of Education Completed
- 12 Ethnicity
- 13 Veteran (optional)
- 14 Disability (optional)

- 15 Start Date
- 16 Expected Completion Date
- 17 Completion Date (if applicable)
- 18 Cancel/Removal date (if applicable)
- 19 Pre-Apprentice or Apprentice
- 20 Stipend Received (if applicable)

Grants awarded under this Agreement require accurate, routine, and timely reporting. This reporting ensures that DAS can measure how grant funds are used, hold grantees accountable for performance, and assess compliance with statutory grant fund expenditure requirements. Accurate reporting also helps measure successful outcomes for grantees and participants and helps the State determine the extent to which expended public funds conferred a benefit to the public. Failure to submit accurate reports, as well as failure to meet performance milestones, is material noncompliance with the terms of the grant and is grounds for suspension of grant payments and termination of the Agreement, as provided for in paragraphs 7 and 8 of the Grant Terms and Conditions, Exhibit C.

After reporting has been approved and validated, CORD will generate an invoice.

Quarterly Reporting will be due to the DAS through CORD no later than twenty (20) days after the end of the performance period.

All invoicing and reporting will align with the following quarterly performance periods:

- Q1: Effective Start Date through September 30, 2026
- Q2: October 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026
- Q3: January 1, 2027 – March 31, 2027
- Q4: April 1, 2027 – June 30, 2027
- Q5: July 1, 2027 – September 30, 2027
- Q6: October 1, 2027 – December 31, 2027
- Q7: January 1, 2028 – March 31, 2028

All project reports for each performance period are **due twenty (20) days after the close of the performance period**. Therefore, the following are the reporting due dates:

- Q1: October 20, 2026
- Q2: January 20, 2027
- Q3: April 20, 2027
- Q4: July 20, 2027
- Q5: October 20, 2027
- Q6: January 20, 2028
- Q7: April 20, 2028

All reporting requirements must be submitted through the CORD platform by the due dates outlined in order to stay in compliance with the grant. To submit required reports:

1. Log into CORD at www.cordhub.org
2. Go to Reports from the main menu
3. Select the report you want to work on
4. Complete all required fields
5. Review and submit by the due date

Final Report

Upon completion of the grant period, the grantee shall submit a final comprehensive report that includes a final wrap up full report of everything outlined above for each category of the grant. In addition, the final report must include a final fiscal reporting demonstrating actual use of funds to date and full utilization of all grant funds for all grant categories. This final report should also include reflections on the overall grant and what went well, what lessons were learned and how the grantee thinks that the grant could be more effective towards its outcomes in the future. All services and activities funded by this grant must be completed by the grant expiration date. The final report is due on the grant expiration date. However, a grace period of thirty (30) calendar days is allowed for its submission.

I. MONITORING AND AUDITS

DIR may conduct an evaluation of the COYA grants' effectiveness in meeting the stated objectives of the program. If DIR elects to conduct an evaluation, the grantee agrees to participate in the evaluation of the project's activities and outcomes. This evaluation may involve collecting data related to the program's stated objectives in the grant application or grant agreement, analyzing information, and reporting on the project's impact. In addition, if requested by DIR, the grantee shall attend evaluation trainings and shall meet with and provide information to assigned project evaluators.

During the performance period, the Grantee agrees that DIR, the Department of General Services, Department of Finance, the Bureau of State Audits, or their designated representatives shall have the right to review and to copy any records and supporting documentation pertaining to the performance of this Grant and all State funds received.

Grantee agrees to maintain such records for possible audit for a minimum of three (3) years after the term of this Grant is completed. Grantee agrees to allow the auditor(s) access to such records during normal business hours and to allow interviews of any employees who might reasonably have information related to such records.

J. PROJECT RECORD RETENTION

Grantee shall preserve all financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and other records associated with this Agreement and the Project for a minimum of **three (3) years** after the term of this grant is completed.

1. Records and Record Keeping

- a. The Grantee shall retain all financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and all other records pertinent to the grant.
- b. DIR and its authorized representatives have the right to access any documents, papers, or other records of the Grantee that are pertinent to the grant, for the purpose of performing audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcripts. The right to access records also includes timely and reasonable access to the Grantee's personnel for the purpose of interviewing and discussion matters related to the requested documents.
- c. The right to access records is not limited to the required retention period (three years) but lasts as long as the records are retained by the Grantee.

2. Grantee Non-Compliance

- a. If the Grantee fails to comply with State or Federal statutes, regulations, or the terms and conditions of the grant, DIR may impose additional conditions, including:
 - I. Withholding authority to proceed to the next phase until receipt of evidence of acceptable performance within a given performance period;
 - II. Requiring additional or more detailed financial reports;
 - III. Requiring technical or management assistance; and/or
 - IV. Establishing additional prior approvals.
- b. If DIR determines that the Grantee's noncompliance cannot be remedied by imposing additional conditions, DIR may take one or more of the following actions:
 - I. Temporarily withhold further payments pending correction of the deficiency by the Grantee.
 - II. Disallow all or part of the cost of the activity or action not in compliance.
 - III. Wholly or partly suspend the award activities or terminate the Grantee's award.
 - IV. Withhold further awards.
 - V. Take other remedies that may be legally available.

Exhibit A, Attachment 1– Project Narrative

Organization Name: LAUNCH Apprenticeship Network at Foundation for California Community Colleges

Proposal Title: Implementing EMT Pre-Apprenticeship Pathways for Opportunity Youth

Grant Type: PI

1. Proposal Overview

Building upon the success of a COYA Round 1 planning grant, LAUNCH Apprenticeship Network will work with our American Medical Response (AMR) industry partners to implement a new Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) pre-apprenticeship program in several target regions throughout the state. This project will register 75 opportunity youth in the EMT pre-apprenticeship program, providing education, field exposure, and individualized candidate support.

This program will provide these 75 disconnected opportunity youth and young adults access to pre-apprenticeship training that will directly transition to a registered paramedic apprenticeship for successful completers. This pre-apprenticeship program lasts approximately 6 months and includes a qualifying training program that prepares participants to obtain a valid state-issued EMT certification.

Per MOU agreements with LAUNCH, AMR will hire successful pre-apprentice completers as EMTs. On-the-job EMT training will prepare candidates for the challenging yet rewarding realities of paramedic careers. Participants will receive case management and mentorship directly from AMR throughout the program. Partner community-based organizations (CBOs), including California Family Life Center and Hawkeye, will provide additional support for candidates through leveraged Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funds. Prioritizing WIOA alignment validates participants' COYA eligibility and embeds strategies to sustain funding in future years by braiding multiple funding streams. Additionally, COYA funding will support this pilot cohort by providing opportunity youth with tuition assistance and educational stipends.

After completing their EMT training, select candidates will transition into AMR's paramedic apprenticeship program (RAP #101049). By the end of the project period, LAUNCH will register at least 35 new paramedic apprentices, offering opportunity youth a meaningful, sustainable new career pathway.

An implementation grant, as a follow-up to the Round 1 planning grant, helps align the pre-apprenticeship program with state apprenticeship priorities and best practices in the field, and catalyzes access for opportunity youth by demonstrating its viability in three target regions that can be replicated statewide.

2. Program Target Population

As of 2022, California had 523,983 disconnected youth ages 16-24 were not enrolled in school or employed, representing 11.2% of the population. Despite this need, the EMT

and paramedic workforce does not reflect the racial and linguistic diversity of the communities it serves, creating both an equity gap and critical workforce shortage. This project will prioritize opportunity youth from historically underserved communities in regions with demonstrated labor market demand gaps and high concentrations of disconnected youth from the following regions:

- a. **Riverside County:** As a California Zone, includes high-poverty census tracts with 37,980 disconnected youth. More than 70.7% of high school students qualify for free lunch, over 65% are Hispanic or Latine/x, and nearly 17% are English Language Learners.
- b. **Alameda County:** 174,142 estimated opportunity youth are in this region.
- c. **Los Angeles County:** Steadily climbing since the COVID-19 pandemic, there currently are 143,000 opportunity youth in this region with nearly half (48.4%) live below the poverty line with 62.1% identifying as Latine/x [\[Report\]](#).

Through partnerships with WIOA-funded community-based organizations, this project will deliver targeted outreach, trauma-informed wraparound services, and sustained career navigation to support successful entry into pre-apprenticeship and registered apprenticeship pathways.

3. Program /Partnership Implementation

This program establishes a structured pre-apprenticeship to apprenticeship pipeline that enables participants to progressively build the academic, technical, and professional competencies required to enter and succeed in AMR's Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) for paramedics. Program partners have demonstrated commitment through executed MOUs and letters of support, and many are long-standing collaborators with LAUNCH on regional and statewide apprenticeship initiatives, creating strong operational alignment and trust.

a. Key Design Elements

- i. **Employer-Led Case Management and Support:** Through its MOU with LAUNCH, AMR will serve as both employer and case management partner. This integrated model provides individualized, job-aligned support—including equipment, uniforms, technology, and workplace accommodations—directly at the point of employment, reducing access barriers, improving retention, and accelerating participant readiness for RAP entry.
- ii. **Dedicated Apprenticeship Infrastructure:** In 2025, AMR hired a full-time apprenticeship administrator to expand internal capacity for participant onboarding, performance tracking, and employer coordination. This investment strengthens program delivery and establishes a scalable employer engagement model that can be replicated across LAUNCH's regional and statewide networks.

- iii. **Regional Partnership Deployment:** LAUNCH will implement the program through established regional partners to ensure localized recruitment, training alignment, and wraparound services.
 - o Riverside County (greater Inland Empire) - LAUNCH's origin region, is supported by Riverside County Office of Education and Workforce Development Boards which have agreed to collaborate with LAUNCH and AMR to develop a candidate recruitment strategy, promote the program, refer candidates for enrollment, and supplement case management.
 - o Alameda County - Will be supported by AMR and Alameda County's EMS Corps, a certified EMT training provider specializing in serving youth facing barriers to employment.
- iv. **Marketing and Outreach Strategy:**LAUNCH and partners will conduct targeted marketing through WIOA-funded community-based organizations, Workforce Development Boards, high schools, adult education providers, and EMS training partners. Strategies include community-based recruitment events, multilingual digital campaigns, referral pipelines, and case-managed intake to ensure equitable access for opportunity youth and alignment with regional workforce demand.

b. Implementation Plan

- i. **Period 1:** LAUNCH and AMR will finalize MOUs, including with any CBO partners, to support recruitment, program instruction, and, as needed, additional case management and resources to support candidate success.
- ii. **Period 2:** LAUNCH, AMR, and committed partners will recruit candidates for the first cohort of 15 participants in the EMT pre-apprenticeship program.
- iii. **Period 3: LAUNCH and AMR Enroll 15 pre-apprentices into EMT training to launch the** second cohort. Simultaneously, all partners recruit candidates for the second cohort of 15 participants
- iv. **Period 4:** Enroll the second cohort and recruit candidates for the third cohort.
- v. **Period 5:** Enroll the third cohort and recruit candidates for the fourth cohort.
- vi. **Period 6:** Enroll the fourth cohort and recruit candidates for the final cohort in Riverside County. By December, at least 65 participants from cohorts 1-4 will complete EMT training, and at least 45 participants from cohorts 1-5 will secure employment with AMR as EMTs. The six-month training model allows completion goals to be achieved cumulatively.
- vii. **Period 7:** Enroll the final cohort. By March, at least 25 participants across all cohorts will be registered into AMR's Paramedic RAP, exceeding MOU targets.

4. Program Structure and Duration

Paramedic training is challenging, and few candidates remain on the career pathway. Limited data about candidates' long-term career trajectories, coupled with anecdotal reports that trained candidates often leave the workforce to enter higher-wage occupations, suggests widespread burnout in the field. Our EMT pre-apprenticeship program is designed to combat burnout because AMR is directly connected to the pre-apprentice and apprenticeship experience.

a. Proposed Program Structure:

- i. LAUNCH will track program progress, coordinate between partners, register candidates into the pre-apprenticeship program, and provide ongoing technical assistance and oversight on best practices for implementation.
- ii. AMR will lead recruitment and discuss commitment levels for entry before registering candidates into the EMT pre-apprenticeship program.
- iii. LAUNCH will work with the new AMR Case Manager to share best practices for supporting candidates.
- iv. AMR will provide candidates with case management and supportive services, including but not limited to, workforce attire and equipment, mentoring and coaching, and support transition into employment as an EMT after completion of the pre-apprenticeship program.
- v. In addition to AMR, committed regional partners, including WIOA-funded CBOs California Family Life Center and Hawkeye, will assist in candidate recruitment and support services, including case management. Riverside County Workforce Development Boards and Offices of Education will also support recruitment efforts and program promotion.
- vi. EMT pre-apprentices will receive educational instruction and training from partner organizations (including EMS Corps in Alameda County; commitment letter attached) for a program duration that lasts approximately 6 months. EMS Corps will also assist with candidate recruitment and general program marketing.
- vii. After completion of the pre-apprenticeship program, successful candidates will be certified as EMTs and given priority consideration to be hired by AMR and enrolled in AMR's paramedic apprenticeship program. Through this structure, the pre-apprenticeship program will offer intensive on-the-job experience and EMT instructional training, better preparing candidates for success in AMR's paramedic apprenticeship program and a career in Emergency Medical Services.

5. Compensation Model

Per the stipulations of this grant, pre-apprentices are not allowed to be paid for on-the-job training. Instead, LAUNCH will provide up to \$4,000 total in educational stipends for all program participants, broken down as follows:

After successfully registering and completing pre-apprenticeship enrollment: \$500

After successful completion of the EMT pre-apprenticeship program: \$3000

After successful entry into AMR's EMT hiring pipeline: \$500

LAUNCH will set up payments directly with the participant. Each payment will be issued upon LAUNCH verifying achievement of the designated milestone.

6. Employers Connected to the Program

AMR: Employer sponsor of the EMT pre-apprenticeship program committed to implementing and managing a bridge for opportunity youth from the EMT Pre-Apprenticeship program to the AMR Paramedic Apprenticeship program. They will also provide case management services for opportunity youth candidates that support their success, as well as site tours to pre-apprentices to help them understand the work environment and tasks performed in the paramedic apprenticeship program. AMR commits to registering at least 25 paramedic apprentices who are successful in the pre-apprenticeship program, which exceeds their attached DAS registration MOU commitment of 24 apprentices.

7. Partner Organizations

- a. **EMS Corps** (<https://ems.acgov.org>)- will provide education, coaching, and EMT training to pre-apprenticeship candidates in Alameda County.
- b. **California Family Life Center** (<https://www.cflckids.org/>) -Will provide WIOA-aligned candidate referrals and support services.
- c. **Riverside County Workforce Development Board** (<https://rivcoworkforce.org/> | (833)-391-0507) will provide candidate referrals and connections to resources for AMR and participants.
- d. **Riverside County Office of Education** (<https://www.rcoe.us/>) | (951)-826-6530) will provide candidate referrals and connections to resources for AMR and participants.
- e. **Hawkeye Properties and Workforce Innovation, Inc** (<http://hawkeyeworkforce.org>) | (909-743-8355) will provide WIOA-aligned candidate referrals and support services.

The following Community College partners have signed commitment letters (attached) demonstrating their commitment strengthening pathways into paramedic apprenticeships and will promote the program and provide candidate referrals and connections to resources for AMR and participants:

- a. **Moreno Valley College** (www.mvc.edu) | (951-751-6176)
- b. **Crafton Hills College** (www.craftonhills.edu) |
- c. **Victor Valley College** (www.vvc.edu) | (760-425-4271)

8. Grant Implementation Team and Background

LAUNCH has been an apprenticeship intermediary and program sponsor since 2019, focused on developing and implementing new and innovative registered apprenticeship programs aligned to community needs. The team has 30+ years of experience working in registered apprenticeships for state and federal programs.

Natalie Maris Weaver - Director of Partnerships and Programs (leveraged funding): Natalie oversees program development between educational institutions, industry apprenticeship committee partners, and partner organizations. She ensures that partners and programs receive regular assessment and support in providing quality apprenticeship programs and services. Natalie also oversees the Apprenticeship System Navigator program. Natalie has over seven years of experience working in registered apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship within the community college system. For this grant, Natalie will oversee the registered pre-apprenticeship implementation project and provide technical assistance support to CBOs.

Marisa Miley-Blanchard - Senior Programs Specialist:

Marisa Miley-Blanchard is known for her commitment to Inland Empire youth who experience barriers to employment. She brings a decade of experience in youth economic development to her role and focuses on building inclusive, equity-driven registered apprenticeship programs that allow greater access to, enrollment in, and successful completion of apprenticeship programs for opportunity youth. For this grant, Marisa will coordinate with AMR and CBO partners to successfully implement this pre-apprenticeship program at 20% FTE.

As LAUNCH's fiscal sponsor, FoundationCCC will apply its expertise in administering complex programs. If awarded, FoundationCCC's fiscal, human resources, legal, and contracts professionals will work closely with LAUNCH staff and any partners on budget execution, human resources management, report submission, maintenance of financial management systems, and adherence to the terms and conditions of the award.

9. Progress with grant COYA Round 1 or Round 2

This proposed COYA Round 2 project would implement the EMS Pre-Apprenticeship Program, which was submitted to the DAS in early February and approved and registered in March 2025. The implementation plan will be completed, and the remaining funds will be spent by December 2026. If this implementation grant is awarded, candidates will be enrolled beginning October 2026. Funding for the Round 1 EMS planning grant and this proposed implementation grant are distinct lines of business.

Exhibit A, Attachment 2 – Outcomes

Organization Name: LAUNCH Apprenticeship Network at Foundation for California Community Colleges

Proposal Title: Implementing EMT Pre-Apprenticeship Pathways for Opportunity Youth

Grant Type: PI

Project Outcomes and Deliverables (quantitative and/or qualitative)	Description
75 Opportunity Youth register into the EMT Pre-Apprenticeship Program to receive classroom training and individualized case management support that prepares them for entry into the American Medical Response (AMR) Paramedic Apprenticeship program.	Throughout Periods 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, LAUNCH and AMR staff will recruit and engage with Opportunity Youth, recruiting and registering 75 participants into the EMT Pre-Apprenticeship Program.
65 opportunity youth complete the EMT Pre-Apprenticeship program.	By Period 5, a minimum of 65 participants will complete EMT pre-apprenticeship training.
At least 45 opportunity youth employed as AMR EMTs	By Period 5, a minimum of 45 participants employed by AMR as EMTs
At least 25 opportunity youth registered into the AMR Paramedic Apprenticeship Program	By Period 6, a minimum of 25 participants register into the AMR Apprenticeship Program, exceeding the program's minimum target of 24 participants as required by LAUNCH and AMR's Pre-Apprenticeship MOU Agreement (Attached)
LAUNCH and AMR will finalize MOU agreement to support 75 pre-apprenticeship candidates	By Period 1, MOUs established

Exhibit A, Attachment 3 – Participant Plan

Organization Name: LAUNCH Apprenticeship Network at Foundation for California Community Colleges

Proposal Title: Implementing EMT Pre-Apprenticeship Pathways for Opportunity Youth

Grant Type: PI

Grant Period	Number of Participants
Quarter 1 (June-September 2026)	
Quarter 2 (Oct-Dec 2026)	15
Quarter 3 (Jan-March 2027)	15
Quarter 4 (Jul-Sept 2027)	15
Quarter 5 (Oct-Dec 2027)	15
Quarter 6 (Jan-March 2028)	15
Quarter 7	N/A
Total Participants	75



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Exhibit B – Budget Summary

Organization Name:	LAUNCH Apprenticeship Network at Foundation for California Community Colleges
Proposal Title:	Implementing EMT Pre-Apprenticeship Pathways for Opportunity Youth
Grant Type:	P-I

Line Item	Expense Item	COYA Grant Funds	Amount Leveraged (Optional)	Total Project Budget	Source of Leveraged Funds (Optional)	In-Kind/ Cash (Optional)
A.	Staff Salaries	\$61,200.00		\$61,200.00		<input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind <input type="checkbox"/> Cash
B.	Staff Benefit Cost	\$21,420.00		\$21,420.00		<input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind <input type="checkbox"/> Cash
C.	Staff Travel	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00		<input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind <input type="checkbox"/> Cash
D.	Operating Expenses	\$8,289.09		\$8,289.09		<input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind <input type="checkbox"/> Cash
E.	Furniture and Equipment					
1.	Small Purchase (unit cost of under \$5,000)			\$0.00		<input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind <input type="checkbox"/> Cash
2.	Large Purchase (unit cost of over \$5,000)			\$0.00		<input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind <input type="checkbox"/> Cash
3.	Equipment Lease			\$0.00		<input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind <input type="checkbox"/> Cash
F.	Educational stipends	\$300,000.00		\$300,000.00		<input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind <input type="checkbox"/> Cash
G.	Employer Incentives					<input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind <input type="checkbox"/> Cash
H.	Instructional Costs	\$15,000.00		\$15,000.00		<input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind <input type="checkbox"/> Cash
I.	Participant Support Services	\$30,000.00		\$30,000.00		<input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind <input type="checkbox"/> Cash

Line Item	Expense Item	COYA Grant Funds	Amount Leveraged (Optional)	Total Project Budget	Source of Leveraged Funds (Optional)	In-Kind/ Cash (Optional)
J.	Contractual Services	\$150,000.00		\$150,000.00		<input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind <input type="checkbox"/> Cash
K.	Administrative *	\$59,090.91		\$59,090.91		<input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind <input type="checkbox"/> Cash
L.	Other (describe):					<input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind <input type="checkbox"/> Cash
M.	TOTAL FUNDING	\$ 650,000	\$ 0.00	\$650,000		
					Total Award	\$650,000.00

* A maximum of 10% of the total project budget will be allowed for administrative costs.

Exhibit B1 – Budget Narrative

Organization Name: LAUNCH Apprenticeship Network at Foundation for California Community Colleges
Proposal Title: Implementing EMT Pre-Apprenticeship Pathways for Opportunity Youth
Grant Type: PI

A. (A-B) Staff Salaries: Total Salaries Paid + Benefits (WIOA 15%) **\$82,620**

Position	FTE x Monthly Salary x Time	Benefits	Total (FTE X Salary X Time) + Benefits
Manager	0.05 x \$9,350 x 24 months	3,927.00	15,147.00
Program Coordinator	0.25 x \$5,100 x 24 months	10,710.00	41,310.00
Program Support	0.125 x \$6,460 x 24 months	6,783.00	26,163.00

Benefits Rate: 35%

FTE for all staff is calculated using a blended rate to account for 5% Cost of Living Adjustment to salaries in Year 2. Benefits are estimated at 35% of salary.

LAUNCH Manager of Pre-Apprenticeship (5% FTE) provides overall leadership and oversight of the project. This role leads partner engagement, coordinates across training providers and apprenticeship LEAs, monitors implementation progress, addresses high-level challenges, and ensures required deliverables and outcomes are met. LAUNCH's Programs Coordinator (25% FTE) facilitates day-to-day operations and program support. Responsibilities include registering pre-apprentices, issuing education stipends, coordinating supportive service delivery, arranging tuition payments, tracking participant progress, producing reports, and participating in regular check-ins with training providers.

Direct program support staff is included to support grant implementation, reporting, and tracking at 17% FTE.

C. Staff Travel **\$5,000**

Regional travel for LAUNCH project staff to coordinate on-site with AMR, LEAs, and other partners. To implement this program, travel will involve mileage reimbursement to meetings, in-person convenings, and training events. This work also requires in-person meetings to evaluate working and learning conditions to best support the target population and will require mileage

reimbursement across the Inland Empire's 27,000 square miles as well as parts of Los Angeles and Alameda counties.

D. Operating Expenses \$8,289

The following are some of the major line items included:

Expense	Cost
Rent*	\$
Insurance	\$
Accounting (payroll services) and Audits	\$
Consumable office supplies*	\$
Printing	\$
Communications (phones, web services, etc.)*	\$
Mailing and Delivery	\$
Dues and Memberships*	
Outreach	\$8,289

*(based on FTE for program staff)

E. Furniture and Equipment* \$.

N/A

F. Educational Stipends \$300,000.00

LAUNCH will provide up to \$4,000 total in educational stipends for all program participants, broken down as follows:

After successfully registering and completing pre-apprenticeship enrollment: \$500

After successful completion of the EMT pre-apprenticeship program: \$3000

After successful entry into AMR's EMT hiring pipeline: \$500

LAUNCH will set up payments directly with the participant. Each payment will be issued upon LAUNCH verifying achievement of the designated milestone.

G. Employer Incentives \$

N/A

H. Instructional Costs \$15,000

Instructional costs will support training costs to training providers, including EMS Corps, to deliver instruction to pre-apprentices, estimated at \$200 per participant.

I. Participant supportive services \$30,000

Partner community-based organizations (CBOs), including California Family Life Center and Hawkeye, will provide any needed additional support for candidates through leveraged Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funds estimated at \$400 per participant.

J. Contractual services \$150,000

AMR is a contractor who recently hired its own in-house apprenticeship administrator to co-implement this project. As a contractor, AMR will provide additional targeted outreach and recruit opportunity youth across three regions to enroll 75 pre-apprentices during the project period. AMR will also provide case management, internal support, and wrap-around services (including support for candidate EMT licensure testing fees) to 75 pre-apprentices throughout the program to increase successful transition into their AMR-sponsored Registered Apprenticeship program and employment.

K. Administrative \$59,090.91

FoundationCCC applied a 10% indirect rate per the administrative cap of this opportunity. Indirect costs encompass the expenditures associated with business operations that are not easily attributed to a specific grant, contract, project function, or activity. These costs are essential for the overall functioning of FoundationCCC and the execution of core back-office support.

L. Other \$

N/A

EXHIBIT C
GRANT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. **APPROVAL**: This Grant Agreement is of no force or effect until signed by both parties. The Grantee may not invoice for activities performed prior to the commencement date or completed after the termination date of this Grant Agreement.
2. **AMENDMENT**: No amendment or variation of the terms of this Grant Agreement shall be valid unless made in writing, signed by the parties and approved as required. No oral understanding or agreement not incorporated in the Grant Agreement is binding on any of the parties.
3. **ASSIGNMENT**: This Grant Agreement is not assignable by the Grantee, either in whole or in part, without the consent of the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) Director, Division of Apprenticeship Standards (DAS) Chief, or authorized designee in the form of a formal written amendment.
4. **AUDIT**: The Grantee agrees that the awarding department, the Department of General Services, the Bureau of State Audits, or their designated representative shall have the right to review and to copy any records and supporting documentation pertaining to the performance of this Grant Agreement. The Grantee agrees to maintain such records for possible audit for a minimum of three (3) years after final payment, unless a longer period of records retention is stipulated. The Grantee agrees to allow the auditor(s) access to such records during normal business hours and to allow interviews of any employees who might reasonably have information related to such records. Further, the Grantee agrees to include a similar right of the State to audit records and interview staff in any subcontract related to performance of this Agreement. (Gov. Code, § 8546.7, Pub. Contract Code, § 10115 et seq., CCR Title 2, Section 1896).
5. **INDEMNIFICATION**: The Grantee agrees to indemnify, defend and save harmless the State, its officers, agents and employees from any and all claims and losses accruing or resulting to any and all contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, laborers, and any other person, firm or corporation furnishing or supplying work services, materials, or supplies in connection with the performance of this Grant Agreement, and from any and all claims and losses accruing or resulting to any person, firm or corporation who may be injured or damaged by the Grantee in the performance of this Grant Agreement.
6. **DISPUTES**: The Grantee must continue with the responsibilities under this Grant Agreement during any dispute. In the event of a dispute, the Grantee must file a "Notice of Dispute" with the DAS Chief, DAS Liaison, or designee within ten (10) calendar days of discovery of the problem. The Notice of Dispute must contain the Agreement number. Within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of the Notice of Dispute, the DAS Chief, DAS Liaison, or designee must meet with the Grantee for the purpose of resolving the dispute.
7. **SUSPENSION OF PAYMENTS**: Grant fund payments under this Grant Agreement may be suspended or terminated if DIR/DAS determines that the Grantee has not complied with the terms of the Grant Agreement.

8. TERMINATION FOR CAUSE: DIR/DAS may terminate this Grant Agreement and be relieved of any payments should the Grantee fail to perform the requirements of this Grant Agreement at the time and in the manner herein provided. The Grantee will have ten (10) calendar days after receipt of the termination notice to cure the breach. If the breach is not cured within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of notice, DAS shall reimburse the Grantee for all documented costs incurred up to the date of termination.
 - i. DIR/DAS may take any termination for cause into consideration during evaluation of any grant proposal submitted by the Grantee in the future. Furthermore, any termination for cause may be considered a basis for imposing additional conditions on a grant awarded by DIR/DAS in the future.
 - ii. In the event the Grantee commits fraud or makes any misrepresentation during the performance of the grant, DIR/DAS reserves the right to terminate the grant accordingly, including the right to recapture all funds disbursed to the Grantee. DIR/DAS may also take other action as authorized by law, including but not limited to action under Labor Code sections 3073.1 and 3084.5.
9. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR: The Grantee, and the agents and employees of the Grantee, in the performance of this Grant Agreement, shall act in an independent capacity and not as officers or employees or agents of DIR/DAS. The Grantee's obligation to pay its Contractors/Consultants is an independent obligation from DIR/DAS's obligation to make payments to the Grantee. All of the Grantee's Contractors/Consultants shall have the proper licenses/certificates required in their respective disciplines. The Contractors/Consultants shall not affect the Grantee's overall responsibility for the management of the project, and the Grantee shall reserve sufficient rights and control to enable it to fulfill its responsibilities under this Grant Agreement.
10. GRANTEE'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR WORK: The Grantee shall be responsible for work and for persons or entities engaged in work, including, but not limited to, contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, and providers of services. The Grantee shall be responsible for any and all disputes arising out of its contract for work on the project, including but not limited to payment disputes with contractors, consultants, subcontractors, and providers of services. The State will not mediate disputes between the Grantee and any other entity concerning responsibility for performance of work.
11. NO THIRD PARTY RIGHTS: The parties to this Grant Agreement do not create rights in, or grant remedies to, any third party as a beneficiary of this Grant Agreement, or of any duty, covenant, obligation or undertaking establish herein.
12. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS: The Grantee agrees that it will, at all times, comply with and require its Contractors/Consultants to comply with all applicable federal, State, and local laws, rules, guidelines, regulations, and requirements during the term of this Grant Agreement. It is the responsibility of the Grantee to know and understand which state, federal, and local laws regulations, and ordinances are applicable to this Grant Agreement and the project. Grantee shall be responsible for observing and complying with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations, and failure to comply may constitute a material breach.

13. CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Grantee certifies that it is in compliance with applicable State and/or federal conflict of interest laws.

14. NON-DISCRIMINATION CLAUSE: During the performance of this Grant Agreement, the Grantee and its subgrantees shall not deny the Grant Agreement's benefits to any person on the basis of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, age, sexual orientation, or military and veteran status, nor shall they discriminate unlawfully against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, age, sexual orientation, or military and veteran status.

i. The Grantee must ensure sure that the evaluation and treatment of employees and applicants for employment are free of such discrimination. The Grantee and subgrantees shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Gov. Code §12900 et seq.), the regulations promulgated thereunder (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, §11000 et seq.), the provisions of Article 9.5, Chapter 1, Part 1, Division 3, Title 2 of the Government Code (Gov. Code §§11135-11139.5), and the regulations or standards adopted by the awarding state agency to implement such article.

ii. The Grantee must permit access by representatives of the Civil Rights Department and the awarding state agency upon reasonable notice at any time during the normal business hours, but in no case less than 24 hours' notice, to such of its books, records, accounts, and all other sources of information and its facilities as said Department or Agency shall require to ascertain compliance with this clause.

iii. The Grantee and its subgrantees shall give written notice of their obligations under this clause to labor organizations with which they have a collective bargaining or other agreement. (See Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, §11105.)

iv. The Grantee shall include the nondiscrimination and compliance provisions of this clause in all subcontracts to perform work under the Grant Agreement.

15. PUBLICITY AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT: The Grantee agrees that it will acknowledge DIR/DAS's support whenever projects funded, in whole or in part, by this Grant Agreement are publicized in any news media, brochures, publications, audiovisuals, presentations or other types of promotional material.

i. The Grantee agrees to notify DIR's External Affairs Office in writing at least two (2) business days before any news releases or public conferences are initiated by the Grantee or its Contractors/Consultants regarding the project described in the Grant Agreement Scope of Work, Budget, or other exhibits. The Grantee further agrees it will collaborate with DIR's External Affairs Office with respect to publicity in any news media. Use of DIR's or DAS's logo must be approved by DIR/DAS and comply with DIR's Branding Guide, a copy of which is available upon request from DIR's External Affairs Office.

16. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: The Grantee agrees to comply with all reporting requirements specified in Scope of Work or other exhibits, if applicable.
17. FISCAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS AND ACCOUNTING STANDARDS: The Grantee agrees that, at a minimum, its fiscal control and accounting procedures will be sufficient to permit tracking of grant funds to a level of expenditure adequate to establish that such funds have not been used in violation of any applicable law or this Grant Agreement. Unless otherwise prohibited by federal, State, or local law, the Grantee further agrees that it will maintain separate project accounts in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
18. OWNERSHIP: All information or data received or generated by the Grantee under this Grant Agreement shall become the property of DIR. No information or data received or generated under this Grant Agreement shall be released without DIR approval.
19. PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION: Personally Identifiable Information: Information or data that personally identifies an individual or individuals is confidential in accordance with California Civil Code sections 1798, et seq. and other relevant State or Federal statutes and regulations. The Grantee shall safeguard all such information or data which comes into their possession under this Grant Agreement in perpetuity and shall not release or publish any such information or data.
20. CONFIDENTIALITY: No record which has been designated as confidential by DIR, shall be disclosed by the Grantee. If confidential information is shared by DIR, the Grantee shall be required to execute an agreement that complies with State law or policy, including State Administrative Manual section 5305.8.
21. TIMELINESS: Time is of the essence in this Grant Agreement. The Grantee shall proceed with and complete the project in an expeditious manner.
22. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS: DIR's obligations under this Grant Agreement are contingent upon the availability of funds. In the event funds are not available, the State shall have no liability to pay any funds whatsoever to the Grantee or to furnish any other additional consideration under this Grant Agreement.
23. CLOSEOUT: The Grant Agreement will be closed out after the completion of the project or project term, receipt and approval of the final invoice and final report, and resolution of any performance or compliance issues.
24. EVALUATION: The Grantee agrees to participate in an evaluation, if undertaken by the State. If a statewide evaluation takes place, the Grantee will be required to participate in that evaluation by providing requested data and information. For the evaluation, the Grantee must document lessons learned and effective practices ascertained through this project. The Grantee agrees, as a part of the evaluation, to make records available, provide access to program operating personnel and participants, follow evaluation procedures detailed by the State, and comply with any other reasonable requests to effectuate the purposes of the evaluation.

25. GOVERNING LAW: This Grant Agreement is governed by and shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of California. DIR and the Grantee hereby agree that any action arising out of this Grant Agreement shall be filed and maintained in the Superior Court in and for the County of Sacramento, California, or in the United States District Court in and for the Eastern District of California. The Grantee hereby waives any existing sovereign immunity for the purposes of this Grant Agreement.
26. UNENFORCEABLE PROVISION: In the event that any provision of this Grant Agreement is unenforceable or held to be unenforceable, then the parties agree that all other provisions of this Grant Agreement have force and effect and shall not be affected thereby.
27. WAIVER OF RIGHTS: Any waiver of rights with respect to a default or other matter arising under the Grant Agreement at any time by either party shall not be considered a waiver of rights with respect to any other default or matter. Any rights and remedies of the State provided for in this Grant Agreement are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law.
28. INTEGRATION: The Grant Agreement, including all its exhibits and any other attachments incorporated into the Grant Agreement by reference, is complete and is the final Agreement between the parties.
29. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE: In the event of any inconsistency between the articles, attachments, specifications, or provisions which constitute this grant agreement, the following order of precedence shall apply:
- Grant Agreement Cover Sheet
 - Grant Terms and Conditions
 - Statement of Work
 - All other attachments incorporated into the Grant Agreement or as otherwise listed on the Grant Agreement cover sheet
30. EXECUTIVE ORDER N-6-22 – RUSSIA SANCTIONS: The Contractor shall comply with Executive Order N-6-22 (the EO) regarding Economic Sanctions against Russia and Russian entities and individuals. “Economic Sanctions” refers to sanctions imposed by the U.S. government in response to Russia’s actions in Ukraine, as well as any sanctions imposed under state law. The EO directs state agencies to terminate contracts with, and to refrain from entering any new contracts with, individuals or entities that are determined to be a target of Economic Sanctions. Accordingly, should the State determine Contractor is a target of Economic Sanctions or is conducting prohibited transactions with sanctioned individuals or entities, that shall be grounds for termination of this agreement. The State shall provide Contractor advance written notice of such termination, allowing Contractor at least 30 calendar days to provide a written response. Termination shall be at the sole discretion of the State.
31. GENERATIVE AI DISCLOSURE OBLIGATIONS

- a. The following terms are in addition to the defined terms and shall apply to the Contract:
 - 1) “Generative AI (GenAI)” means an artificial intelligence system that can generate derived synthetic content, including text, images, video, and audio that emulates the structure and characteristics of the system's training data. (Gov. Code § 11549.64.)
- b. Contractor shall immediately notify the State in writing if it: (1) intends to provide GenAI as a deliverable to the State; or (2), intends to utilize GenAI, including GenAI from third parties, to complete all or a portion of any deliverable that materially impacts: (i) functionality of a State system, (ii) risk to the State, or (iii) Contract performance. For avoidance of doubt, the term “materially impacts” shall have the meaning set forth in State Administrative Manual (SAM) § 4986.2 Definitions for GenAI.
- c. Notification shall be provided to the State designee identified in this Contract.
- d. At the direction of the State, Contractor shall discontinue the provision to the State of any previously unreported GenAI that results in a material impact to the functionality of the System, risk to the State, or Contract performance, as determined by the State.
- e. If the use of previously undisclosed GenAI is approved by the State, then Contractor will update the Deliverable description, and the Parties will amend the Contract accordingly, which may include incorporating the GenAI Special Provisions into the Contract, at no additional cost to the State.
- f. The State, at its sole discretion, may consider Contractor’s failure to disclose or discontinue the provision or use of GenAI as described above, to constitute a material breach of Contract when such failure results in a material impact to the functionality of the System, risk to the State, or Contract performance. The State is entitled to seek any and all remedies available to it under law as a result of such breach, including but not limited to termination of the contract.