



# **Workforce Development Board Meeting August 4, 2022**



# Reports

- 6      A) Executive Committee Report
- B) Business Council Report
- C) WIOA Services Addressing Barriers to Employment



# WDB Executive Committee

July 13th

- Approved the reappointment of 5 WDB members
- Approved the WIOA Memorandum of Understanding

## Next Meeting

**September 14, 2022**

**8:00 -10:00 AM**

Department of Social Services Room 101,  
3433 South Higuera Street, SLO



# WDB Business Council

June 16<sup>th</sup>

- Reviewed and discussed Final Council Goals for PY 2022-23
- Received update on business services delivered by Chamber staff
- Discussed suggestions for Workforce Development Employer Training Series

## **Next Meeting**

**August 18, 2022**

**9:00 -10:30 AM**

Department of Social Services  
3433 South Higuera Street, SLO



# WIOA Services Addressing Barriers to Employment

- **Small Business Grants** – administered \$500k in ARPA small business grants to local employers with fewer than 25 employees
- **System re-brand** and strategic **digital outreach campaign** aimed at recruiting job-seekers
- **WIOA Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** among AJCC Partners
- WDB Retreat – Leadership & Engagement –foundations for a **WDB SLO Strategic Plan**
- In the works!
  - Research study on workforce participation rates in SLO County
  - Research study on impact of Local Hire clauses/Project Labor Agreements inbuilding & construction contracts
  - In-Person Job Fairs
  - WDB Hiring – Program Manager



# Special Population Grants

Grant	Amount	Enrollment Goal
National Dislocated Worker	\$155,000	34
High Road Construction Careers (HRCC): SB-1 MC3 Pre-Apprenticeship Training	\$87,900	37
HRCC: CA Climate Investments (CCI)	\$148,011	n/a expanded SB-1 training
Regional Plan Implementation (RPI) 4.0	\$288,400	n/a Digital Literacy Pilot Employment Equity Research



# Special Population Grants

Grant	Amount	Enrollment Goal
Division of Apprenticeship Standards (DAS) – Apprenticeship Expansion, Equity and Innovation Grant PY 2021-25	\$2 million	380 regionally (SLO & SB WDBs w/SLO Partners)
Regional Equity and Recovery Partnerships	\$1,150,000	121 Regionally (SLO & SB WDBs w/Cuesta and Allan Hancock)



# Current Grant Opportunities

## Expanding Access to Employment Services

- Prison to Employment – Submitted August 2022
  - Regional Grant w/SLO & SB WDBs
  - Serving Justice Involved Individuals
- Breaking Barriers Workforce Readiness Grant

