



ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER PY 20-21 – SFP

The Employment Development Department, in coordination with the California Workforce Development Board and the Labor and Workforce Development Agency, announces the availability of up to \$1.6 million of *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title I* Governor's Discretionary funds in an English Language Learner (ELL) Solicitation for Proposals (SFP).

The goal of this pilot initiative is to promote the use of integrated education and training (IET) programs and regional industry-sector strategies as the framework to help unemployed and underemployed ELLs with significant barriers to employment enter high quality jobs. These funds will support projects that increase access for target populations, incorporate IET programs, leverage other program funding, and provide supportive services for California's ELL population. This year, there will be an additional focus on addressing the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. Organizations that aim to serve ELLs impacted by COVID-19 and/or that implement technology-enabled education and training to ensure safe participation in compliance with COVID-19 regulations are especially encouraged to apply.

Eligible applicants are community-based organizations and Local Workforce Development Areas that will partner with WIOA Title II education and training providers or community colleges with an IET program and local employers with openings in an in-demand career pathway.

Proposals must be received by Wednesday, January 20, 2021, no later than 3 p.m. PT. An informational teleconference will be held on Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 10 a.m. PT. For call-in information, please email a request to EDDWSBSFP1@edd.ca.gov by 12 noon on Wednesday, December 16, 2020. To view this SFP, please visit the EDD [Workforce Development Solicitations for Proposals](#) webpage.

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