

TO: Los Angeles Region K-12 Consortium Partners

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SUBJECT: LARC K-12 Strong Workforce Program Round 8 (2025-26) Preliminary Award Announcement

The Los Angeles Regional Consortium (LARC) is pleased to announce the 2025-2026 funding awardees for the K-12 Strong Workforce Program (SWP). This document provides a complete list of all LA Round 8 K-12 SWP awarded applications.

The Los Angeles region sincerely thanks and acknowledges the efforts of the Local Educational Agencies for their applications and the Los Angeles Selection Committee members who worked hard to score and provide award decisions on schedule. All completed applications received by October 10, 2025, for K-12 SWP funding were reviewed and competitively scored.

Each Lead Agency for a funded application will receive an email notification of the grant award after the appeals period closes on December 19, 2025, from the NOVA system. The email provides instructions for the grantee to accept and verify the award amount. Please go to NOVA to accept the award on or before January 10, 2026.

Once accepted, [NOVA](#) will convert your project to draft status, and you'll see a button for "Expanded Budget." You'll receive a separate email with links to walk-through entries in "Expanded Budget." For those awarded less than requested, you will have the opportunity to reduce your match proportionally. In addition, there will be a Round 8 Kick-Off event on January 29, 2026 to discuss next steps for completing sub-agreements with the LA K-12 SWP fiscal agent, Pasadena City College. If LARC identifies unallowable expenses or matching funds, grantees will be asked to modify budgets in accordance with RFA guidelines. Failure to execute changes will delay the issuing of a contract.

For audit purposes, Lead Agencies should retain a copy of the grant agreement, the RFA specifications, and the Workforce and Economic Development Division Request for Applications instructions, Terms, and Conditions.

If you are listed as a grant recipient below but do not receive an email notification from NOVA by December 21, 2025 please contact mxbasnage@pasadena.edu, or the K-12 SWP helpdesk at K12SWP@cccco.edu.

If you are an applicant interested in filing an appeal, please submit your appeal to LARC Assistant Vice President/Chair, Dr. Narineh Makijan at nmakijan@pasadena.edu by 5:00 p.m. on December 12, 2025. For detailed information on the appeal process, please refer to page 22 of the [2025-2026 Round 8 RFA](#).

LA Round 7 K-12 Strong Workforce Timeline

Date	Event
November 21, 2025	K-12 SWP preliminary awards announced
December 12, 2025	Appeals due to SWP Regional Consortium (LARC, see above)
December 19, 2025	K-12 SWP final awards announced
January - March 2025	Consortia initiates subcontract process
January 2026	K-12 SWP Round 8 project term begins
January 29, 2025	Round 8 Kick-off Event (PCC Foothill Campus)
June 30, 2028	K12 SWP Round 8 project term ends

LA Round 7 K-12 Strong Workforce Awards

Lead Agency	Pathway Improvement Title	Status
ABC Unified	Promoting Inclusive Learning, Literacy, Access, and Readiness (PILLAR)	Eligible - Not Funded
Alhambra Unified	Expanding Healthcare Opportunities & Beyond	Eligible - Funded
Alliance Judy Ivie Burton Technology Academy High	STEM 2 Careers: Health + Computing Pathways	Eligible - Funded
Alliance Susan and Eric Smidt Technology High	The Alliance Smidt Tech Pathways to College and Career Project	Eligible - Not Funded
Aspire Ollin University Preparatory Academy	Digital Media	Eligible - Funded
Bellflower Unified	Gateway Workforce Rising: Preparing BUSD Secondary Students for High-Wage Careers	Eligible - Funded
Beverly Hills Unified	Digital Media Studies: Comm, Film, Narrative Arts Pathway & State of the Art Innovation Facilities	Eligible - Funded
Burbank Unified	LA-26 Burbank USD: Skills for Emerging Industries	Eligible - Not Funded
Burbank Unified	LA-26- Burbank USD: Bridging the Achievement Gap for Special Populations	Not Eligible
California Advancing Pathways for Students in Los Angeles County	IGNITE: Integrating Growth in New Industries Through Education	Eligible - Funded

Lead Agency	Pathway Improvement Title	Status
Centinela Valley Union High	High School to High-Growth Careers: CVUHSD's Strong Workforce Program for Dual Enrollment Success	Eligible - Funded
Charter Oak Unified	K12 Foothill Consortium Expansion of Career Exploration & Pathway Opportunities	Eligible - Funded
Citizens of the World 2	Citizens of the World Expands Digital Media/ICT & Global Trade/Business & Entrepreneurship Pathways	Eligible - Not Funded
Compton Unified	Real to Reel: Compton Apprenticeship Activation	Eligible - Funded
Covina-Valley Unified	Pathways to Paychecks	Eligible - Not Funded
Culver City Unified	Building the Future: Pathways in Robotics and Cybersecurity	Eligible - Funded
Da Vinci Communications High	TRANSFER-WISE Project	Eligible - Funded
Downey Unified	Downey Made: From Exploration to Employment	Eligible - Funded
El Monte City	El Monte City School District - Pathways to Purpose	Eligible - Funded
Environmental Charter High	Expanded Climate Action Pathway	Eligible - Funded
Environmental Charter High - Gardena	Expanded Climate Action Pathway	Eligible - Funded
Five Keys Independence HS (SF Sheriff's)	Careers in Motion: Five Keys Physical Therapy Aide Program	Eligible - Funded
Girls Athletic Leadership School Los Angeles	Future Ready: GALS LA Middle School to College STEM Pipeline	Eligible - Funded
Glendale Unified	Table for All	Eligible - Not Funded
Hacienda la Puente Unified	BOSS – Building Occupation-Specific Skills with Smart Tech	Eligible - Funded
Inglewood Unified	Leveraging Artificial Intelligence for improving equitable access to high-quality Career Technical Education (CTE) pathways and preparing students for a more competitive future workforce.	Eligible - Funded
Intellectual Virtues Academy	IVA CTE Expansion for an Evolving Workforce	Eligible - Funded
LA's Promise Charter High #1	Strengthening Media Arts CareerPathway Connections	Eligible - Funded

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Las Virgenes Unified	KASMA Healthcare Pathways Initiative	Eligible - Funded
Long Beach Unified	LA-26 Long Beach USD: Building Pipelines to Careers	Eligible - Funded
Los Angeles Co. Office of Education	Digital Media & AI Learning: Expanding Graphic Arts into Interactive Media & Esports for At-Promise	Eligible - Not Funded
Los Angeles Unified	LA -26 LAUSD: Middle School College and Career Pipeline Expansion	Eligible - Not Funded
Los Angeles Unified	LA- 26 LAUSD: CTE-Linked Learning Dual Enrollment Expansion Project	Eligible - Funded
Los Angeles Unified	LA-26 LAUSD: CTE Teacher Induction Program	Eligible - Not Funded
Lynwood Unified	Lynwood NextGen: AI, Health, and Innovation Pathways	Eligible - Funded
Manhattan Beach Unified	New Data Science Pathway through STEAM Vertical Alignment in MBUSD	Eligible - Not Funded
New Designs Charter	LA-26 Signature Pathway Expansion: Culinary Arts, Health and Technology Integration	Eligible - Not Funded
New West Charter	Pathways for Understanding, Learning, Science, and Exploration (PULSE)	Eligible - Not Funded
Norwalk-La Mirada Unified	Building Bridges: Expanding Middle School to College Career Pathways	Eligible - Funded
Palisades Charter High	The Healing Kitchen: Revitalizing Culinary Arts for Student Success	Eligible - Funded
Paramount Unified	Paramount Unified School District: Sparking Opportunity Through Welding	Eligible - Funded
Paramount Unified	Paramount Unified School District: Charging the Future - EV Automotive Pathway	Eligible - Not Funded
Pasadena Unified	LA-25 Pasadena USD: Recovery Through Pathways	Eligible - Not Funded
Port of Los Angeles High	CTE Pathway Modernization - Photography, Videography, Graphic Design, and Welding/Construction	Eligible - Not Funded
Redondo Beach Unified	Career Exploration and Industry Certifications	Not Eligible
Rowland Unified	LA-26 Rowland USD: Future Ready	Eligible - Funded

Lead Agency	Pathway Improvement Title	Status
San Gabriel Valley ROP	Vertical Alignment between Middle School, High School, & Community College for Workforce Readiness!	Eligible - Funded
Southern California ROC	BuildUP: Upskilling for the Future of Building and Construction Trades	Eligible - Funded
Temple City Unified	From Classroom to Curtain Call: Theater Production Pathway Expansion	Eligible - Funded
Torrance Unified	Workforce Ready Torrance: Career Exploration, Certifications, and Pre-Apprenticeships	Eligible - Not Funded
Tri-Cities ROP	LA 26 Tri-Cities ROP: Accelerated Incorporation of AI and Smart Technologies Across CTE Pathways	Eligible - Funded
West Covina Unified	Launch of New Aviation Pathway	Eligible - Funded
WISH Academy High School	Supporting Training in Entrepreneurship and Leadership in LA (STELLA) Project	Eligible - Funded
YouthBuild Charter School of California	YouthBuild Charter School of California Pipeline to Healthcare and Advanced Manufacturing Training	Eligible - Funded

Regards,



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