

TO: Los Angeles Region K-12 Consortium Partners

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SUBJECT: LARC K-12 Strong Workforce Program Round 8 (2025-2026) Intent to Award

Dear K-12 SWP Colleagues,

The Los Angeles Regional Consortium (LARC), in partnership with the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office and California Department of Education, is pleased to formally announce the Round 8 (2025–2026) funding awards for the K-12 Strong Workforce Program. This memorandum is a formal notification of the intent to award and of the complete list of all awarded applications.

LARC sincerely thanks and acknowledges the efforts of the Local Education Agencies for their applications and for the Selection Committee Members who worked hard to score and award decisions on schedule. Each funded Lead Agency received formal email notification of the grant award from the NOVA system with instructions for the grantee to accept the award amount. Starting in January 2026, LARC’s fiscal agent will contact each Lead Agency receiving funding to request signatures and address any necessary technical work plan updates, including budget or match amendments required for finalizing the grant agreement. For auditing purposes, Lead Agencies should retain a copy of the fully executed grant agreement, the RFA Specifications, and the K-12 Strong Workforce Program Request for Applications Instructions, Terms and Conditions.

Should your organization be listed as a grant recipient below but did not receive an email notification, please contact Mark Basnage, K14 TAP at mxbasnage@pasadena.edu or the K-12 SWP helpdesk at K12SWP@cccco.edu.

LA Round 8 K-12 Strong Workforce Timeline

Date	Event
January - March 2026	Consortium initiates the subcontracting process
January 2026	K–12 SWP Round 8 project term begins
January 29, 2026	Round 8 Kick-off Event (PCC Main Campus)
June 30, 2028	K12 SWP Round 8 project term ends

LA Round 8 (2025-2026) K-12 Strong Workforce Awards

Lead Agency	Pathway Improvement Title	Award Amount
Alhambra Unified	Expanding Healthcare Opportunities & Beyond	\$538,611

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Alliance Judy Ivie Burton Technology Academy High	STEM 2 Careers: Health + Computing Pathways	\$242,712
Aspire Ollin University Preparatory Academy	Digital Media	\$233,701
Bellflower Unified	Gateway Workforce Rising: Preparing BUSD Secondary Students for High-Wage Careers	\$520,000
Beverly Hills Unified	Digital Media Studies: Comm, Film, Narrative Arts Pathway & State of the Art Innovation Facilities	\$360,000
California Advancing Pathways for Students in Los Angeles County	IGNITE: Integrating Growth in New Industries Through Education	\$700,000
Centinela Valley Union High	High School to High-Growth Careers: CVUHSD's Strong Workforce Program for Dual Enrollment Success	\$800,000
Charter Oak Unified	K12 Foothill Consortium Expansion of Career Exploration & Pathway Opportunities	\$650,000
Compton Unified	Real to Reel: Compton Apprenticeship Activation	\$840,931
Culver City Unified	Building the Future: Pathways in Robotics and Cybersecurity	\$534,366
Da Vinci Communications High	TRANSFER-WISE Project	\$800,000
Downey Unified	Downey Made: From Exploration to Employment	\$1,731,112
El Monte City	El Monte City School District - Pathways to Purpose	\$700,000
Environmental Charter High	Expanded Climate Action Pathway	\$500,000
Environmental Charter High - Gardena	Expanded Climate Action Pathway	\$500,000
Five Keys Independence HS	Careers in Motion: Five Keys Physical Therapy Aide Program	\$465,722
Girls Athletic Leadership School Los Angeles	Future Ready: GALs LA Middle School to College STEM Pipeline	\$94,120
Hacienda la Puente Unified	BOSS – Building Occupation-Specific Skills with Smart Tech	\$250,572
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.	\$697,899
Intellectual Virtues Academy	IVA CTE Expansion for an Evolving Workforce	\$495,086
LA's Promise Charter High #1	Strengthening Media Arts CareerPathway Connections	\$499,995
Las Virgenes Unified	KASMA Healthcare Pathways Initiative	\$449,085
Long Beach Unified	LA-26 Long Beach USD: Building Pipelines to Careers	\$1,400,000
Los Angeles Unified	LA- 26 LAUSD: CTE-Linked Learning Dual Enrollment Expansion Project	\$1,600,000
Lynwood Unified	Lynwood NextGen: AI, Health, and Innovation Pathways	\$479,419

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Norwalk-La Mirada Unified	Building Bridges: Expanding Middle School to College Career Pathways	\$700,000
Palisades Charter High	The Healing Kitchen: Revitalizing Culinary Arts for Student Success	\$356,250
Paramount Unified	Paramount Unified School District: Sparking Opportunity Through Welding	\$236,000
Rowland Unified	LA-26 Rowland USD: Future Ready	\$640,000
San Gabriel Valley ROP	Vertical Alignment between Middle School, High School, & Community College for Workforce Readiness!	\$1,300,000
Southern California ROC	BuildUP: Upskilling for the Future of Building and Construction Trades	\$1,373,164
Temple City Unified	From Classroom to Curtain Call: Theater Production Pathway Expansion	\$387,925
Tri-Cities ROP	LA 26 Tri-Cities ROP: Accelerated Incorporation of AI and Smart Technologies Across CTE Pathways	\$1,050,000
West Covina Unified	Launch of New Aviation Pathway	\$800,000
WISH Academy High School	Supporting Training in Entrepreneurship and Leadership in LA (STELLA) Project	\$500,000
YouthBuild Charter School of California	YouthBuild Charter School of California Pipeline to Healthcare and Advanced Manufacturing Training	\$746,165

Regards,



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