



# Kern Coalition



**Date:** OCTOBER 23, 2025

**To:** ALL KERN REGION CALIFORNIA JOBS FIRST CATALYST GRANT APPLICANTS

**From:** KERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT on behalf of the KERN COALITION

**Re:** RFP #DO250409- NOTICE OF ELIGIBILITY/NON-ELIGIBILITY FOR AWARD

The re-scoring of the Kern region's California Jobs First Catalyst Grant applications has now been completed by the Kern Coalition members. A total of 45 proposals from 43 applicants requesting a total of \$40,573,129.19 were evaluated.

Of these, sixteen (16) applications scoring a minimum of 58 points or more of the 115 points available under the scoring matrix were deemed eligible for funding. Eligible application requests totaled \$13,036,443.93 in awards. The total amount available for award in this Catalyst Grant funding round is \$9 million dollars.

Accordingly, eligibility for funding is not a guarantee that the amount of funds requested will be awarded, or that any amount will be awarded. All eligible funding requests will be proportionately reduced to come within the \$9 million funding limit. Funding will further be subject to and conditioned upon an eligible applicant and the KCCD Grants Office reaching agreement on the terms and conditions of a Sub-awardee MOU and approval of the same by the KCCD Board of Trustees.

Beginning next week, the KCCD Grants Office will begin contacting eligible applicants to schedule a meeting to review the proposed funding amounts as well as the MOU terms, compliance requirements, reporting expectations, and deliverables. Those eligible applicants wishing to initiate contact with the grants office may do so by emailing [grantsoffice@kccd.edu](mailto:grantsoffice@kccd.edu).

The Kern Coalition wishes to thank all of the applicants for their interest and commitment to advancing economic development in Kern County. We encourage your continued engagement as the Implementation Phase begins, during which future statewide funding opportunities may become available.





| ELIGIBLE FOR AWARD                                      |                        |                         |                     |
|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Projects                                                | Average of Total Score | Funding Request         | Industry Sector     |
| City of McFarland-North Kern Ag Tech                    | 83.8                   | \$ 475,025.00           | Education/Workforce |
| Project Development Solutions-KernGRIT                  | 82.8                   | \$ 1,496,116.00         | Entrepreneurship    |
| Central California Asthma Collaborative _1069447        | 77.0                   | \$ 1,223,808.75         | Healthcare          |
| Kern County Builders Exchange Inc_1068385               | 69.2                   | \$ 500,000.00           | Education/Workforce |
| Lideres Campesinas Co-op Farming and Land Stewardship   | 67.2                   | \$ 642,390.09           | Ag/Ag Tech          |
| Stratolaunch                                            | 66.2                   | \$ 322,802.00           | Education/Workforce |
| Lamont Automotive Repair EV Repair Training             | 65.0                   | \$ 526,000.00           | Clean Energy        |
| The Wonderful Career Center Property LLC_1070593        | 64.8                   | \$ 500,000.00           | Education/Workforce |
| TDH International, LLC-Clean Hydrogen Production System | 64.2                   | \$ 1,399,500.00         | Education/Workforce |
| United Domestic Workers AFSCME 3930_1053376             | 63.8                   | \$ 1,129,162.09         | Education/Workforce |
| Vision Y Compromiso                                     | 63.4                   | \$ 630,000.00           | Healthcare          |
| Renewell Energy Storage Initiative - Gravity2           | 63.0                   | \$ 1,500,000.00         | Clean Energy        |
| Sierra Shared Spaces _1068366                           | 62.8                   | \$ 1,453,440.00         | Tourism/Hospitality |
| Renewell Energy Storage Initiative - Piston             | 60.2                   | \$ 588,200.00           | Clean Energy        |
| MCSC Kern Women's Business Center                       | 58.8                   | \$ 250,000.00           | Entrepreneurship    |
| TalentBase_Veteran Workforce Launchpad                  | 58                     | \$ 400,000.00           | Education/Workforce |
| <b>Eligible Projects- Grand Total</b>                   |                        | <b>\$ 13,036,443.93</b> |                     |

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| Projects                                                                                   | Average of Total Score | Funding Request         | Industry Sector        |
| Mexican American Opportunity Foundation- Earn It Program                                   | 56.4                   | \$ 868,812.40           | Education/Workforce    |
| Manara Materials LLC                                                                       | 55                     | \$ 1,479,450.00         | Advanced Manufacturing |
| Kern County Superintendent of Schools Office - Kern Innovation Center for Future Readiness | 54                     | \$ 482,070.62           | Education/Workforce    |
| Sierra Sands USD                                                                           | 53                     | \$ 230,000.00           | Education/Workforce    |
| Golden Empire Transportation                                                               | 52.4                   | \$ 1,500,000.00         | Clean Energy           |
| Mojave Air and Space Port at Rutan Field                                                   | 52.4                   | \$ 1,500,000.00         | Aerospace and Defense  |
| Teach Me Technology_ALOIMCT                                                                | 52                     | \$ 920,728.00           | Education/Workforce    |
| Mexican American Opportunity Foundation- FISH Program                                      | 50.6                   | \$ 312,595.00           | Education/Workforce    |
| Dolores Huerta Foundation                                                                  | 50.4                   | \$ 500,000.00           | Education/Workforce    |
| Upwards Care Inc                                                                           | 50                     | \$ 970,274.00           | Education/Workforce    |
| Arts Council of Kern                                                                       | 49.2                   | \$ 424,048.00           | Education/Workforce    |
| BIOS Health Ltd.-Strategy and Implementation/CSUB                                          | 47.8                   | \$ 1,364,820.00         | Healthcare             |
| Access Plus Capital                                                                        | 47.6                   | \$ 499,370.00           | Unclear                |
| Indian Wells Economic Development Corporation                                              | 46.8                   | Incomplete              | Tourism/Hospitality    |
| Shafter Recreation & Park District                                                         | 46                     | \$ 800,000.00           | Education/Workforce    |
| City of Tehachapi                                                                          | 45.4                   | \$ 266,185.16           | Education/Workforce    |
| SEEDS Inc- Social Equity Economic Development Solutions, Inc.                              | 44.2                   | \$ 802,954.00           | Clean Energy           |
| Astrobotic Technology Inc                                                                  | 43.2                   | \$ 483,101.75           | Aerospace and Defense  |
| Aerospace Valley Futures, Inc                                                              | 41.6                   | \$ 1,500,000.00         | Aerospace and Defense  |
| City of Wasco                                                                              | 40.8                   | \$ 304,000.00           | Education/Workforce    |
| ShePower Leadership Academy                                                                | 39.2                   | \$ 356,785.00           | Entrepreneurship       |
| Safe Haven Kids League and Community Resources of California                               | 34.6                   | \$ 387,158.00           | Education/Workforce    |
| River Sage Revival                                                                         | 31.4                   | \$ 616,794.72           | Education/Workforce    |
| The Kolodji Corp/ Black Swan, LLC                                                          | 30.8                   | \$ 1,500,000.00         | Advanced Manufacturing |
| SOS Recycle LLC                                                                            | 29.4                   | \$ 5,741,693.61         | Unclear                |
| League of Dreams                                                                           | 28.2                   | \$ 286,845.00           | Education/Workforce    |
| Prescriptive Fitness Initiative - For Goodness Sake Consulting                             | 25.4                   | \$ 1,489,000.00         | Healthcare             |
| Kern River Valley Art Association                                                          | 24.6                   | \$ 250,000.00           | Education/Workforce    |
| Caleb Stratton/Alex Stratton - S Double F                                                  | 23.8                   | \$ 1,700,000.00         | Food Security          |
| <b>Ineligible Projects - Grand Total</b>                                                   |                        | <b>\$ 27,536,685.26</b> |                        |