

SB852 Budget Act of 2014

Chapter 25, Schedule 18. (f)

- (1) \$50,000,000 of the funds appropriated in Schedule (17) shall be provided on a one-time basis to create greater incentive for California Community Colleges to develop, enhance, retool, and expand quality career technical education offerings that build upon existing community college regional capacity to respond to regional labor market needs. Funds may be used for equipment, curriculum development, professional development, and other related costs necessary to develop, enhance, retool, and expand quality career technical education offerings. The Chancellor of the California Community Colleges shall allocate these funds to the community college regions based on a formula that factors in the total number of full-time equivalent students, including full-time equivalent students in career technical education courses.
- (2) The Chancellor of the California Community Colleges shall, **in consultation with community colleges within each region**, designate either **the district then serving as the fiscal agent for the regional consortia or an alternative district** to serve as the fiscal agent for these funds.
- (3) The funds shall be distributed **by the fiscal agent** to the California Community College districts within the region for career technical education programs that are developed with industry input, matched by industry resources, and adopted by faculty **upon certification by the regional consortia**. The courses or programs of study for which the funds are requested shall meet all of the following criteria:
  - (A) Be for occupations and sectors that are demonstrated to be in demand in the regional labor market.
  - (B) Be for occupations for which regional production of employees is insufficient to meet labor market demand.
  - (C) Demonstrate regional alignment of program and curricula.
- (4) Priority for funding shall go to programs that meet all of the criteria listed in paragraph (3) and that meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (A) Are in priority sectors identified by the region.
  - (B) Are in emerging sectors identified by the region.
  - (C) Are articulated with K-12 or four year institutions.
- (5) Individual colleges and districts shall be responsible for identifying eligible programs and their faculty, implementing courses and programs to meet regional capacity needs, participating in regional coordination efforts, articulating with K-12 and four year institutions, and submitting outcome data to the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges.
- (6) **The regional consortia shall be responsible for certifying labor market demand** with input from regional employers and essential workforce and economic development partners, prioritizing investment of funds according to industry sections and occupations, and ensuring regional coordination.
- (7) The district designated as the fiscal agent in each region shall be responsible for distributing the funds to each district within its region following **certification by the regional consortia that the courses and programs submitted by the districts and colleges for funding meet the criteria listed in this subdivision (f)**.
- (8) The Chancellor of the California Community Colleges shall be responsible for administering the distribution of funds to the fiscal agents for each region and monitoring progress toward meeting regional and statewide career technical education needs.