

**U.S. Department of Labor**

**Employment and Training Administration  
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Washington, D.C. 20210**



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Dr. William Scroggins  
Mt. San Antonio Community College District

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your application in response to the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for the Strengthening Community Colleges 2 (SCC2) Training Grants, FOA-ETA-22-02.

We received 77 responsive applications and were greatly impressed by the quality of the submissions. In a highly competitive field, 13 were selected for award. Unfortunately, your application was not among those selected for funding. A listing of all awardees can be found on the DOL website at <https://www.dol.gov/newsroom/releases/eta/eta20220907>.

This email represents my final determination and includes the weaknesses of your application as identified by an evaluation team. The team evaluated the application against the selection criteria in the FOA, which were based on the policy goals, priorities, and emphases set forth in the FOA. Evaluative feedback is provided as presented by the panelists; therefore, it could include the same or similar weakness noted by more than one panel member. For more information about the review and selection process, please see Section V of the FOA.

Your application ranked in the third quartile of final scores amongst responsive applicants. Each quartile represents 25% of the total responsive applications: the first quartile includes the highest 25% of final scores, the second quartile the second highest 25% of final scores, etc. The final scores served as the primary basis for selection of applications for funding. Additional factors that may have been considered include representation among consortium types, the selection of a qualifying affinity-focused consortium, additional SCC2 evaluation funding, and/or other relevant factors.

Please note that Amendment 2 to the FOA, published June 1, 2022, announced the authorization of \$50,000,000 under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 to fund a third round of Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grants (hereafter referred to as SCC3). SCC3 will be using the same FOA as SCC2 – FOA-ETA-22-02 – with applications due **Friday, October 14, 2022**.

We encourage you to consider reapplying for this third round of funding. Because we

understand that SCC2 applicants who were not awarded grants may be particularly interested in seeing timely evaluative feedback of their applications, the evaluative feedback regarding your application is attached.

We also want to draw your attention to the following notification on page 22 of FOA-ETA-22-02:

**“Opportunity to Engage with SCC2 Program Evaluations and Learnings**

The Department realizes that writing a proposal in response to an Announcement requires considerable effort, and that doing so is in itself a capacity-building undertaking. To build on that effort, and to share the knowledge gained from this grant with applicants who do not win awards, learnings will be available to all interested parties on <https://collegeconnection.workforcegps.org>. In addition, we will create a ‘Community College Capacity-Building Learning Cohort’ that receives invitations to selected SCC-related technical assistance activities. All applicants will receive information from DOL about how to access this opportunity after we make awards under this Announcement.”

If your college is interested in participating in the Community College Capacity-Building Learning Cohort, which will be supported by both the Department of Labor and philanthropic funding, please opt in by sending an email to [SCC@dol.gov](mailto:SCC@dol.gov) with the subject line “Opt In to Learning Cohort” and a point of contact for your college and/or your consortium member colleges (if applicable). Please include the name, title, email address and phone number for each point of contact. Questions about this opportunity can be directed to [SCC@dol.gov](mailto:SCC@dol.gov).

We acknowledge the efforts of your organization, and trust that you will continue to apply for grant opportunities in the future. For additional information and technical assistance, we offer a wide array of tools at <http://www.doleta.gov/grants/resources.cfm>, which may be of assistance in applying for future grants. You may also sign up for email alerts on [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) for notification of future solicitations.

If you have further questions, please contact Linda Forman via email at [forman.linda@dol.gov](mailto:forman.linda@dol.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brinda Ruggles". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Brinda" being more prominent than the last name "Ruggles".

Brinda Ruggles  
Grant Officer