



# STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY COLLEGES 2

Total Funding Available: \$45 MILLION

## **BUILDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAPACITY FOR IN-DEMAND SKILLS TRAINING THROUGH STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN INDUSTRY, EDUCATION, AND THE WORKFORCE SYSTEM.**

### **WHAT IT DOES**

Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grants will increase the capacity and responsiveness of community colleges to close equity gaps in addressing skill development needs of employers and workers, in support of the Biden-Harris Administration's priorities to leverage and advance community colleges.

Awarded grants will focus on accelerated learning strategies that support skill development, rapid reskilling, and employment through targeted industry sectors and career pathway approaches. These strategies will also address identified equity gaps to increase full access to educational and economic opportunity—particularly for individuals from historically underrepresented and marginalized populations and communities. The grant advances equitable opportunities for federal funding by encouraging and incentivizing applications from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Tribal Colleges and Universities, Minority-Serving Institutions, and Strengthening Institutions Programs using the U.S. Department of Education's eligibility.

### **THE GRANT IS BUILT AROUND FOUR CORE ELEMENTS:**

- Advancing Equity
- Accelerated Career Pathways
- Results-Driven Project Design
- Sustainable Systems Change

### **WHO IT SERVES (Target Population)**

- Community College Students
- Dislocated workers, new entrants to the workforce, or incumbent workers
- Historically underserved communities, including Indigenous communities, Afro-descendant communities, and Latino/a communities

### **WHO CAN APPLY**

- Community Colleges that are public institutions of higher education, or consortia, at which the associate degree is primarily the highest degree awarded, including:
  - Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Tribal Colleges and Universities, Hispanic-Serving Institutions, Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions, or others designated by the U.S. Department of Education at <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/edlite-minorityinst.html>

### **HOW TO APPLY?**

- Please apply to the Funding Opportunity Announcement Application posted on [grants.gov](https://grants.gov)

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