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Call for Employment Grants Applications

Notice to Prospective Applicants

Date: June 29, 2022

The Developmental Services Budget Trailer Bill, AB 136 (Chapter 76, Statutes of 2021), effective July 16, 2021, authorized additional funding to advance competitive integrated employment. Enacted as W&I Code Section 4870.1, DDS, received \$10 Million in funding to increase pathways to employment. Through grant opportunities, entities can develop and implement innovative and replicable strategies and practices to increase paid work experiences and employment opportunities for individuals who are served by regional centers.

The Department is now accepting applications from organizations with strong ties to the developmental services system, including, but not limited to community-based organizations, colleges and universities, and employment providers for grant funds available in 2022 and are invited to respond to this call for applications for the **Employment Grants**. Applicants must follow the instructions contained in the **Grant Guidelines for Applicants** located on the Department's website: [Employment Grants - CA Department of Developmental Services](#). To be considered for funding, applicants must apply online through DDS' online grant management system, [GrantVantage](#), no later than **5:00 p.m. PDT on August 24, 2022**. A list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) will be posted to the Department's [website](#).

The Department will host a Bidder's Conference via Zoom to answer questions regarding the grants on:

Thursday, July 7, 2022, from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm

https://cal-dds.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_zKi4WhEIT2CBs5Z2AUUu9g

Interpretation will be provided in ASL, Mandarin, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

Interested applicants are encouraged to submit questions in advance to:
EmploymentGrant@dds.ca.gov

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