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TO: LA’s Workforce Development System

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SUBJECT: WDS INFORMATION BULLETIN NO. 19-06
WORKFORCE ACCELERATOR FUND 7.0 REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

EFFECTIVE DATE
This bulletin is effective upon date of issue.

PURPOSE
The purpose of this bulletin is to notify all Workforce Development System (WDS) providers that the California Workforce Development Board (CWDB) and the Employment Development Department (EDD) has announced the availability of up to $4 million in Workforce Innovation and Opportunity and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funds to design, develop, and implement projects that accelerate employment and re-employment strategies for California job seekers. The City’s Workforce Development Board (WDB) will provide a letter of support to any WDS applicant. Please contact Victoria Minetta at Victoria.Minute@lacity.org or at (213) 744-7262.

BACKGROUND
In April 2014, the CWDB and EDD established the Workforce Accelerator Fund (Accelerator) as a new model of funding innovation in California’s workforce system. Since April 2014, just over $21 million has been invested, resulting in over 120 projects across the state.

To learn more about the Workforce Accelerator Fund, you can view “Accelerator at a Glance” at https://cwdb.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/43/2018/10/WAF-7.0-RFA-FINAL-jh-102918. Through this Request for Applications (RFA), Accelerator 7.0 will focus on replication and scale, as well as fund projects that create partnerships and prototype innovative strategies, bridge education and workforce gaps for the targeted populations, and that implement promising models and practices in the workforce service delivery infrastructure.

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