



April 1, 2025

TO: ALL BIDDERS

RE: CALIFORNIA JOBS FIRST CATALYST FUND FOR KERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
obo KERN COALITION RFP #DO250409

Addendum #3 is hereby expressly incorporated and made part of the California Jobs First Catalyst Fund for the Kern Community College District obo Kern Coalition RFP #DO250409, proposal submission deadline no later than 2:00 p.m. PST, Tuesday, April 22, 2025.

ADDENDUM 3

Clarifications and Modifications to the RFP

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7. [Catalyst RFP Information Session Calendar](#)

8. The [Technical Assistance Support](#) page includes a [Google Form](#) to request technical assistance for your project.

9. A copy of the RFP and related documents have been uploaded to the Public Purchase website at www.publicpurchase.com and the Kern Community College District website at <https://www.kccd.edu/business-services/rfps-bids.html>.

10. Submit questions and responses electronically through the Public Purchase website at www.publicpurchase.com. Public Purchase is our bid platform, which is free registration for bidders to view, access, and submit a response to the RFP.

Answers to bidder questions:

Q1. Can salary and wages for staff responsible for project implementation be included as eligible expenses under this funding opportunity? If so, are there any limitations on percentage allocations or specific categories (e.g., administrative vs. direct program salaries)?

Answer: Staff salaries for implementation would be a direct program cost and are eligible. There is a 10% limit for administrative/indirect costs.

Q2. On templates, it says to delete the instructions. Do you also want the samples deleted as well or just instructions?

Answer: Delete only the instructions.

Q3. Are there any restrictions on indirect costs or administration expenses and is there a percentage cap?

Answer: There is a maximum of 10 percent allowed for administrative costs/indirect costs.

Q4. Can this funding be combined with other federal or state grants to support project expansion?

Answer: Yes, this funding can be combined with other federal or state grants to support project expansion. We encourage Catalyst applicants to leverage additional funding from state or federal grants to help their proposal develop toward a "Last Mile" project.



Q5. What are the required documentation and reporting expectations for reimbursement-based funding?

Answer: The requirements for reporting related to Catalyst are listed on page 19-21 of the RFP under the heading "Performance Reporting Requirements". In addition, project specific reporting requirements will be outlined in your executed contract for funding.

Q6. What do we put in the row "detail/due date" are you wanting the proposal date in the proposed quarter?

Answer: In the "detail/due date" row, include specific information about key project milestones or deliverables, along with the expected due dates for those items. If you are referring to the proposal submission date, that should be noted in the quarter when the proposal is submitted. The goal is to provide a clear timeline for important actions or outcomes related to your project.

Q7. Are we able to add start up salaries for the jobs created so we can expand and create these jobs and projects?

Answer: We encourage applicants to provide information about salary ranges for potential workforce projects to help the Governance Council and review committee evaluate your project. Please note that when applicable, the grantee will be required to use the state's CalJOBS system for reporting participant data collected.

Q8. Regarding the fiscal administration of the grant. It shows that EDD will be the grant fiscal sponsor. Will EDD be requiring social security numbers to be reported for those participating in the program? If yes, will they allow ITIN to be used in lieu of social security numbers?

Answer: EDD will require social security numbers to be entered into the CalJOBS system. However, participants have the ability to input a pseudo social security number, in lieu of providing their actual social security number (SSN). However, pseudo SSN's need to be requested to EDD, then approved on a case by case basis by EDD. Pseudo SSN's will also have to be issued and assigned to participants by the EDD project management team, if approved.

Q9. I am wondering if a 501c5 labor union is an eligible applicant for this grant opportunity?

Answer: Labor unions, Joint Apprenticeship Training Committees, and other affiliated groups are encouraged to apply.

Q10. Can a vendor be from out of city, county or state submit a proposal?



Answer: Applications may be accepted from organizations outside of Kern County. All proposed projects must directly impact Kern County residents and be implemented within one of the county’s five subregions.

Q11. On page 20, do we have to submit the subcontract and subaward list to be submitted to EDD at the time application is submitted?

Answer: The list of subcontracts and subawards should include all sub awardees at the time the application is submitted. If additional sub awardees are added post award, it would require engagement and approval through the fiscal agent.

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Q13. Is match required?

Answer: No match funding is required to receive funding from Catalyst.

Q14. Following today’s Catalyst presentation in McFarland this afternoon, and after review of key documents, we are requesting clarification on two critical topics which we asked during the meeting but would like to provide detail and ensure these questions are submitted for public comment:

Eligibility of Ready-to-Go Projects under Catalyst Funding

The **original state-level Catalyst guidance** states:

“Catalyst funds... enable regions to take projects from exploratory and last-mile to ready-to-go projects...” **Source:** [EDD Website – Catalyst Phase](#)

This indicates the **intent of Catalyst funding is to support pre-development**, not implementation of fully planned, shovel-ready projects that, for example, may have lost or may lose federal funding or have alternative funding sources.

However, the Kern **RFP (DO250409, March 2025, p. 8)** lists Ready-to-Go projects as eligible. We ask for clarification on: Will Ready-to-Go projects be eligible under Catalyst, or will they be deemed outside the intended funding scope? If eligible, will funding be limited to any remaining pre-development components?

Answer: The primary intent of Catalyst funding is to support pre-development activities that advance projects toward implementation readiness. While Ready-to-Go projects may



be considered, their eligibility would depend on whether they still require pre-development components that align with the intended scope of funding.

If eligible, funding would likely be limited to any outstanding pre-development needs, such as feasibility studies, permitting, planning, or other preparatory activities necessary to finalize the project for full implementation. Projects that are fully developed and do not require additional pre-development work may fall outside the intended funding scope.

Q15. Following today's Catalyst presentation in McFarland this afternoon, and after review of key documents, we are requesting clarification on two critical topics which we asked during the meeting but would like to provide detail and ensure these questions are submitted for public comment:

Classification and Prioritization of Carbon Capture Projects

The Kern County Regional Plan Part 2 (August 2024) makes clear that carbon management (including carbon capture, utilization, and storage—CCUS) is not classified as clean energy and is instead labeled an opportunistic tradable industry.

On **Page 80**, the plan states:

“We included carbon management as opportunistic due to its potential for harmful environmental impacts, reliance on continued fossil fuel operations, and potential public health risks.”

“In addition, many residents raised concerns about the significant role that existing oil and gas producers would play in any future CCUS efforts.

By contrast, the plan classifies clean energy—including solar, wind, geothermal, and biofuels—as priority tradable sectors (Pages 49–52), aligned with state goals and supported by strong community input.

Answer: All proposed projects will be evaluated based on the scoring rubric provided in the RFP.

Q16. Request for Clarification:

Will **carbon capture projects** be treated as clean energy under Catalyst, or as opportunistic and evaluated separately from clean energy sectors?

Will **clean energy projects**, which are catalytic, create tradable jobs, and align with state objectives, be given higher prioritization than Ready-to-Go carbon capture proposals that do not?

Answer: All proposed projects will be evaluated based on the scoring rubric provided in the RFP.

Q17. Sector Classification and Qualification:

If a project does not align directly with clean energy, advanced manufacturing, or agriculture, but aims to establish its industry (e.g., healthcare) as a traded sector, will it still qualify for Catalyst funding?



Answer: Healthcare is one of the locally-serving industries recognized in the Kern Coalition's Regional Plan 2 and would qualify for Catalyst funding.

Q18. Sector Investment Coordinator (SIC) Assignment:

How will the Sector Investment Coordinator (SIC) role be addressed or assigned for evaluating and supporting projects outside the three target areas, but whose goals match the Regional Plan?

Answer: The Sector Investment Coordinator (SIC) will be assigned to support projects based on their alignment with the regional plan, even if they fall outside the three target areas. The SIC's role is to evaluate and guide projects that meet the region's goals for economic growth, equity, and sustainability. For projects that match the plan but aren't in the target areas, the SIC will still provide support to ensure they contribute to the broader goals of the Catalyst Phase.

Q19. Matching Fund Requirements:

Are there specific matching fund requirements for Catalyst funding? Will funds already committed to the planning/proof-of-concept phase be considered as matching funds?

Answer: There are no matching fund requirements for Catalyst Funding.

Q20. Application Rubric:

Will the application rubric be available before the current application deadline? Will there be an opportunity to include letters of reference from local partners?

Answer: The scoring matrix for Catalyst proposals is included on pages 9-16 of the RFP. Additionally, the application requires at least Letters of Commitment/Interest from a partner organization, as well as Letters of Commitment for all sub-awardees for the project.

Q21. Can salary and wages for staff responsible for project implementation be included as eligible expenses under this funding opportunity? If so, are there any limitations on percentage allocation or specific categories (e.g., administrative vs. direct program salaries)?

Answer: Staff salaries for implementation would be a direct program cost and are eligible. There is a 10% limit for administrative/indirect costs.

Q22. On templates, it says to delete the instructions. Do you also want the samples deleted as well, or literally just the instructions?

Answer: Delete only the instructions.

Q23. Are there any restrictions on indirect costs or administrative expenses, and is there a percentage cap?



Answer: There is a maximum of 10 percent allowed for administrative costs/indirect costs.

Q24. Is technical assistance (alongside workshops and training) an allowable cost?

Answer: We encourage applicants to include technical assistance in their budget for exploratory projects.

Q25. Given the issues w/ whitehouse.gov webpages, can you provide details regarding which “Justice40” program-specific guidelines Catalyst projects should align with?

Answer: As the fiscal agent for the Kern Coalition Catalyst Program, Kern Community College District is responsible for ensuring alignment with federal, state, and programmatic guidelines. On the Whitehouse.gov webpage, we recommend Catalyst projects focus on the broader goals of the Justice40 initiative, which aims to deliver 40% of the overall benefits of federal investments in climate and clean energy to disadvantaged communities. For specific program guidelines and alignment, we encourage applicants to review the overarching goals of Justice40, which include: Advancing environmental justice, supporting job creation in clean energy sectors, and ensuring equitable economic opportunities for underserved and disadvantaged communities. Since these goals are central to Justice40, Catalyst projects should align with these principles and prioritize how they serve disadvantaged communities.

Q26. Under “Scoring Indicators”, each indicator (0-3, 4-7, & 8-10) is the same: “Project does not prioritize small local businesses, nonprofits, community-based efforts.”

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Q27. Could you please confirm whether the questions submitted through this channel, as opposed to those typed during the event held in McFarland on March 2025, will be shared publicly, in full? I’d like to ensure that my complete questions, including references and context, are included without omissions. This is important for transparency, as the references and context are integral to the questions and should be addressed in any responses provided to the public. Can you please confirm that my full submissions will be included exactly as written below in the request sent?



Answer: The formal process for submitting questions is through the purchasing@kccd.edu portal. We are unable to confirm if questions submitted outside of the portal are accurate or verbatim.

- Q28.** Can you say more about what is meant by "account for reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and/or removing GHG from the atmosphere" for a program that might be focused on training or workforce development, for example?

Answer: The ten scoring criteria for Catalyst projects are related to how your proposal contributes to the state's goals for climate mitigation and resilience. As it relates to workforce development projects or training initiatives, a proposal for training in renewable energy careers, for example, would score for helping to remove GHG emissions.

Projects will be examined holistically based on a myriad of other criteria, such as their ability to provide quality jobs with family-sustaining wages, recruiting populations from marginalized groups for workforce training, or construction of critical infrastructure in one of Kern County's five subregions. If a project isn't directly related to environmental sustainability, it will still be taken under consideration for funding.

- Q29.** Page 15 - Project Assessment table; Result: Moderately Aligned; Recommendation: **"Revisions required.** Before reconsidering funding, the project team should address critical gaps. Provide guidance on improving alignment?

Answer: The scoring matrix for Catalyst funds prioritizes small businesses, which is defined by the State of California as having less than 100 employees and annual gross receipts of \$15 million over the previous three years. There are no eligibility requirements regarding the types of organizations that can apply.

- Q30.** Page 16 – Project Assessment table; Result: Low Alignment; Recommendation: **Not recommended for funding.** The project does not align well with the objectives and requires substantial redevelopment before any future consideration. Explore alternative funding options or suggest project re-evaluation?

Answer: The [Technical Assistance Support](#) page includes a [Google Form](#) to request technical assistance for your project.

- Q31.** Page 21 - Proposal Submission Process section; 3. Corrections and/or modifications received after the specified closing time will not be accepted.

The Project Assessment table outlines recommendations using terms such as "revisions required," "reconsidering," "redevelopment," and "reconsideration." Will projects be allowed revisions or redevelopment to be reconsidered for funding after the specified closing time, as stated in the notice, which indicates that modifications will not be accepted?



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Q32. Page 16 - The following criteria are also required. 3. Job Quality and Access; c. Projects should receive approval from the Kern Coalition and the Kern Region Governance Council and align with criteria for the identified stage of readiness listed above.

“Projects should receive approval.” Does this mean that approval from the Kern Coalition and the Kern Regional Governance Council is necessary prior to submitting the application?

Answer: The [Technical Assistance Support](#) page includes a [Google Form](#) to request technical assistance for your project.

Q33. Throughout the ‘RFP process for the Catalyst Fund’ meeting, there were multiple references to assistance with application proposal development. Could you please clarify how I can access support for developing my application?

Answer: Conveners and Governance Council members cannot serve as co-applicants or cosign on a Catalyst project proposal; this is to avoid any potential conflict of interest given they developed the scoring matrix and RFP process.

Q34. I am reaching out in relation to RFP #DO250409 (Kern Coalition Catalyst grant) to gain clarity of the submission method ahead of the April 9th deadline. In reading the RFP, it seems that submission will be made via Google Form **and** on www.publicpurchase.com. I wanted to get clarification that submission on both channels is necessary.

Answer: A Google form is available as an accommodation to make the application more accessible to organizations who are not familiar with the [publicpurchase.com](http://www.publicpurchase.com) infrastructure. The link to the Google form is available on KCCD Kern Coalition Website and PublicPurchase.com.

Q35. When it comes to looking at the feasibility of a potential project, will the studies be published for a specific audience? How can we be more involved with the process of the study?

Answer: Projects will be assessed for feasibility by a review committee and supported by subject matter experts as needed. Assessment is limited to the identified review committee members.

Q36. What is the status of the predevelopment funding (e.g., from banking institutions)? Attendees noted that securing these funds would be helpful, given that this is a reimbursable grant.



Answer: We encourage applicants to leverage additional funding, including business loans or other state and federal grants, in the development of projects.

Q37. If capital assets are purchased with grant funds, can the grantee retain ownership of the equipment or asset? What are the reporting requirements or expectations related to that?

Answer: For any equipment purchased or built with funds that are reimbursable as a direct cost of the Catalyst Program, as determined by the EDD, the awardee or subcontractor, as applicable, must be the sole owner on title. During the period of performance, equipment must be dedicated to the described use in the same proportion and scope as was in the contract agreement, unless EDD agrees otherwise in writing. On completion or early termination of the contract agreement, the state will either require that the equipment be returned or authorize the continued use of such equipment in the benefitting community; in making that determination, the state will consider the useful life of the equipment, and the awardee may be required to refund the state for the fair market value of equipment that continues to have a usable life, but is no longer required for the project implementation. Awardee will be required to maintain an inventory record for each piece of non-expendable equipment purchased or built with funds provided under the terms of a grant agreement.

Q38. Can you please provide clarification on the March 26th deadline for the Notice of Intent for the Implementation grant?

Answer: The Implementation grant is issued by the State of California, and we cannot provide guidance on that process. Information can be found [California Regional Investment Initiative Implementation Phase Request for Proposal](#)

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Q40. Are there specific matching fund requirements for Catalyst funding? Will funds already committed to the planning/proof-of-concept phase be considered as matching funds?

Answer: There are no match fund requirements for Catalyst funding. Any funds that have already been committed to the project should continue to be included in the project budget. Applicants are encouraged to leverage additional funding, including business loans or other state and federal grants in the development of their project.

Q41. Will the application rubric be available before the current application deadline? Will there be an opportunity to include letters of reference from local partners?

Answer: The scoring matrix for applications is listed under pages 9-16 of the RFP. The application also requires at least one letter of reference from a local organization, as well as letters of commitment from all potential sub-awardees to the project.

Q42. What is the distinction between the Catalyst and Implementation grants? What is available to our communities?

Answer: The California Jobs First initiative aims to boost economic growth and create quality jobs, especially in underserved regions. The Catalyst Phase focuses on identifying and planning innovative projects that address systemic challenges in disinvested communities, with a strong emphasis on equity, sustainability, and workforce development. This phase is primarily centered on project planning and capacity building. The Implementation Phase, on the other hand, moves these projects into execution, scaling the proposed initiatives to achieve tangible outcomes like job creation, economic inclusion, and long-term regional development.

For the official details, please refer to the California Jobs First website.

Q43. After the Catalyst submission deadline, can the Kern Coalition share which projects from North Kern were submitted to help us get an understanding of what the North Kern subregion is proposing?

Answer: A list of projects submitted for funding will be published on the Kern Coalition Website.

Q44. Will Kern CCD be required to submit this documentation and will subgrantees be required to submit this information through the Cal Jobs process?

Answer: The organization who will be inputting the data into CalJOBS, will need to verify that their social security number matches the participant, but documentation will not need to be submitted to EDD.



Q45. Eligible Applicants: There appears to be no description of who is an eligible applicant. Can convener agencies apply? Can the fiscal agent apply??

Answer: Per state guidance; Fiscal agents and/or regional conveners should not be submitting proposals or be in partnerships with pre-development project applicants. “Even with a statement that may prevent a Conflict of Interest(COI) or give the appearance of one (SFP Exhibit D), the governance council may have been involved in planning the application process of the regional awards, such as developing the RFP and/or scoring criteria which may give them an unfair advantage. From your Catalyst Contract, it sounds as if conveners and coalition members were involved in at least the scoring matrix, “The SICs, the California Jobs First Kern Coalition Conveners, and the broader Kern Coalition members will develop a Catalyst Proposal Scoring Matrix to ensure that projects are scored/ranked and funded based on.” To prevent concerns surrounding a Conflict of Interest, we recommend fiscal agents and/or regional conveners not be involved in submitting proposals.”

Q46. Eligible Applicants: If a department within KCCD could propose a project that meets the definitions and requirements, how does that department register with our own purchasing dept as a vendor (we’re a vendor to ourselves)?

Answer: Due to the involvement of fiscal agents and regional conveners in the development of the RFP and/or scoring criteria, the state has recommended that fiscal agents and/or regional conveners avoid submitting proposals or entering partnerships with pre-development project applicants to prevent potential conflict of interest concerns and ensure a fair, transparent process. Any additional updates or guidance from the state will be shared promptly to ensure compliance with state regulations.

Q47. Scoring Indicators: Regarding the Pillar, Target Organizations (p.13), what are the Indicators for the individual point spreads? The current RFP indicates the same Indicator for each of the possible point ranges. Please explain or revise the indicator.?

Answer: The point spread indicators will be clarified in an upcoming amendment to the RFP. Specific distinctions between the point ranges will be included to better guide applicants in understanding how proposals will be scored based on their alignment with the Target Organizations pillar.

Q48. Scoring Indicators: Regarding the Pillar: Additionality, please explain why a project wholly dependent on Catalyst funding would get the highest possible points whereas a project with access to other funding has the least possible points available - without regard to their status as either: exploratory, last mile, and ready-to-go?

Answer: The intention behind awarding higher points for projects dependent on Catalyst funding is to prioritize those initiatives that may otherwise lack financial support. The state’s implementation criteria through the California Jobs First Blueprint gives priority to



projects with complementary funding, the Kern Coalition Governance Council - developed the scoring matrix and will be evaluating projects - determined that they wanted to prioritize “exploratory” projects from smaller organizations that would otherwise not be able to happen without Catalyst funding. This is one of the ten criteria and is not weighted as heavily as the four 15-point criteria in the matrix, and projects will be considered in their full totality.

Q49. General Formatting: Are there requirements in regards to page limitations for the application, use of font type and size, margin sizes, etc.?

Answer: The RFP does not include formatting guidelines such as page limits, font type or size, or margin requirements. Additionally, there are no word or character limits specified for sections of the RFP application.

Q50. Project Description / Catalyst Fund Description (p.7) The paragraph following the Catalyst Fund Description heading states that tradable, locally serving, and opportunistic industry projects are eligible but the next paragraph (Eligible projects must...) states that projects must meet the economic objectives for tradable and locally-serving industry sectors and does not include the opportunistic industry sector. This seems contradictory. Please clarify or explain.

Answer: The mention of "opportunistic industry" projects was unintentionally omitted from the second paragraph. To clarify, projects within the tradable, locally-serving, and opportunistic industry sectors are all eligible for Catalyst Fund consideration, as long as they align with the broader economic objectives set forth in the RFP. An amendment will be issued to clearly state that eligible projects must meet the economic objectives across all three sectors—tradable, locally-serving, and opportunistic industries—ensuring that there is no contradiction in the project eligibility criteria. This correction will ensure that the RFP consistently reflects the full range of eligible projects, including those categorized as opportunistic industry initiatives.

Q51. KCCD as the Sole Decisionmaker? The RFP includes language that seems to suggest that Kern CCD alone is making the decision (not the Coalition and/or Conveners). Please clarify, explain, or revise via an amendment?

Answer: The language will be revised in the amendment to reflect that the **Kern Coalition Governance Council** will be responsible for scoring applications and making final funding recommendations.

After KCCD’s contracts team vets applications for legal compliance, an initial review committee will evaluate the projects for feasibility before turning over projects to the Governance Council for scoring. This review committee will consist of all members from the Governance Council along with two of the five Conveners, the 3 Sector Investment Coordinators, and additional experts to provide technical assistance, as needed.

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Q52. Publicpurchase.com Registration requires 24 hours+ to approve a new account. The RFP does not advise potential applicants of this fact and could result in applications not being submitted?

Answer: The Addendum will include guidance to applicants recommending early registration in PublicPurchase.com to allow sufficient time for account approval to avoid any delays in submitting proposals.

A Google form is available as an accommodation to make the application more accessible to organizations who are not familiar with the publicpurchase.com infrastructure. The link to the Google form is available on KCCD Kern Coalition Website and PublicPurchase.com.

Q53. Can the same company apply with multiple proposals? We have an early-stage technology and a different late-stage technology, both of which are well aligned with the goals of the RFP. If we submit multiple, would we be eligible to win multiple bids?

Answer: The Catalyst Request for Proposals (RFP) does not specify a limit on the number of submissions an entity may submit. Each proposal will be evaluated independently based on its merits and alignment with the RFP objectives.

Q54. Are salaries considered "administrative costs"?

Answer: Staff salaries for implementation would be a direct program cost and are eligible. There is a 10% limit for administrative/indirect costs.

Q55. Can B3K provide our community letter of support, or is that considered to be a conflict of interest?

Answer: The Kern Coalition and plays a significant role in the governance and decision-making processes related to the Catalyst RFP. To maintain the integrity and impartiality of the evaluation process, it is recommended to seek letters of support from organizations that are not directly involved in the administration or governance of the Catalyst funding.



All other specifications remain unchanged.

BY: Purchasing & Contracts
Kern Community College District
Phone: 661-336-5100
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ACCEPTANCE OF ADDENDUM #3 TO RFP #DO250409

I _____, officer for _____
Name & Title Company

hereby accept and agree to Addendum #3 to the California Jobs First Catalyst Fund for the Kern Community College District obo Kern Coalition RFP #DO250409 and agree to provide the additional requested information in the Addendum.

Signature of Bidder _____ Date _____

Signature of KCCD _____ Date _____

Upon signing, the aforementioned addendum is immediately incorporated into the RFP and service providers response to RFP.

Submit one (1) signed copy of this Addendum acceptance to:

Kern Community College District
Purchasing & Contracts Department
2100 Chester Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Email: purchasing@kccd.edu

Mark subject line/envelope: RFP Addendum #3 Acceptance

If the addendum as presented is unacceptable, please advise KCCD of your rejection of the addendum in writing with reasons, to the address above or by email to purchasing@kccd.edu.