

1. Can Accelerator 3.0 grant recipients act as an Innovation Network Hub for the 4.0 application?

- A. Yes, any past grant recipients may apply for Accelerator 4.0. However, an Accelerator 3.0 grantee cannot apply to replicate their current (3.0) project nor can they be listed as an advisor on an innovation impact or innovation impact network proposal, unless that proposal is replicating a 1.0 or 2.0 project and all other criteria are met. Funding will be available in January 2017 for Accelerator 3.0 projects to apply for Innovation Impact or Innovation Network projects.

2. Can Slingshot grantees participate in a Network Hub?

- A. Yes. SlingShot grantees that meet the eligible applicant criteria may apply for the Workforce Accelerator Fund in any of the project categories, and may act as a Network Hub.

3. When does the clock start running on the 12 month grant period? Is it 12 months from grantee notification?

- A. Accelerator 4.0 Projects will have a start date of January 1, 2017.

4. Would it be possible to get a list of organizations who may be applying around workforce development in the Sacramento area?

- A. Accelerator 4.0 applicants are not known until the end of the application process.

5. Could you clarify what consists of a "New Accelerator project"? Would a 3.0 project be considered new? There is discussion as to 1.0 and 2.0 but no mention as to 3.0 grant recipients.

- A. A "New Accelerator Project" would be a project that does not yet exist. Accelerator 3.0 projects are not considered "new." There will be additional funding available in January 2017 for Accelerator 3.0 projects to apply for Innovation Impact or Innovation Network projects.

6. Are Accelerator 3.0 grantees eligible to apply for 4.0?

- A. Yes, any past grant recipients may apply for Accelerator 4.0. However, 3.0 grantees are not eligible to replicate or scale via Innovation Impact or Innovation Network grants. See questions 1 and 5 above.

7. How many grants do you plan on awarding?

A. 15-20

8. For the Innovation Impact Projects does the Applicant contract with the Impact Advisor or does the CWIB? If it is the Applicant does the Applicant need to monitor how the funds are spent. What are allowable costs for the Impact Advisor?

A. The applicant will contract with the advisor and has fiduciary responsibilities for the grant. Be sure to include costs of the advisor in your budget. Additional information regarding allowable costs can be found in the RFA on page 11 and Appendix C. Awardees will participate in an orientation workshop webinar that will outline the administration of the grants and allowable costs.

9. Are there any specific outcome measures and expectations for service delivery (customers), considering WIOA funding/requirements for the proposed accelerator type projects? Ex. include college credit involvements, placement expectations, etc.?

A. No. In the application matrices, each project can submit anticipated direct service outcomes and performance based on project type, but it is not required. On the matrix, you can also note what your anticipated performance measures will be for project. You are *not* held to local area performance (WIOA), nor state performance requirements. However, if using these funds for direct services, participants must meet WIOA eligibility requirements and be entered into CalJOBS. If you are not currently a CalJOBS user, it is recommended to use leveraged funds for direct services as these are short-term grants and it takes time to onboard as a new CalJOBS user.

10. To apply for the innovation impact, can the advisor be from 3.0?

A. Innovation Impact advisors should be a member of a 1.0 or 2.0 project team. CWDB will be issuing another RFA in January 2017 specifically for replicating best practices from the 3.0 projects.

11. Can WDB's submit more than one proposal?

A. Yes. Any eligible applicant can submit more than one proposal.

12. What percentage of the funding can be applied towards planning stages of the project/design? Is there a breakdown of funding allocation requirements?

A. There is not a required breakdown for funding allocations. In your proposal, please make sure that the budget allocations are appropriate to the project that

you are proposing.

13. *Our organization participated in a WAF 1.0 project as a collaborative that had another organization as the lead applicant. Can we apply for a New Accelerator Project grant if we are the only applicant from the original partnership?*

- A. Yes. As long as your organization meets the eligible applicant criteria, you are may apply for a New Accelerator Project grant.

14. *Is it encouraged to use direct service delivery for New Accelerator projects?*

- A. It is not encouraged or discouraged. We understand that if you are prototyping and trying something new with your project that you might want to these new things with current clients. You may do this with Accelerator funds with the caveat that this is a short grant term and the WIOA eligibility criteria and application process through CalJOBS can be a longer process.

15. *Can you provide examples of "Innovators"?*

- A. Innovators should be individuals or organizations that bring new perspective to your project. There is no criteria or eligibility requirements for "innovators."

16. *Are all applicants required to collaborate with local WDB's?*

- A. No, there are no required collaborations for the Accelerator Fund. However, applicants must convene a Project Team consisting of an Expert, Innovator, and Customer representatives as described in the RFA. These Project Team members may or may not include Workforce Development Boards (WDB).

17. *Are projects expected to be solely funded by the Accelerator funds, or are we expected/able to seek additional funding to support the project implementation?*

- A. The are cash or in-kind funding match requirements for Accelerator grants. (See *page 13 on the RFA and the Project Narrative Tables for details.*)

18. *Can you apply for both an Impact and New Idea project?*

- A. Yes, as separate applications. Applicants apply to can scale and replicate a 1.0 or 2.0 project and also apply for a New Accelerator project with a new idea.

19. *How should experts, innovators and customers be described in Network projects? Within each of the new project team descriptions or within the Hub team*

description?

- A. The teams are described on the matrices and narrative pages for the individual projects in the Network. (See page 24 of the RFA)

20. Can one partner represent both an "innovator" and a "customer"?

- A. No. Different individuals or organizations must represent each of the categories on the Project Team (Expert, Innovator, and Customer.)

21. In the webinar it was stated that if projects will be using these funds for direct services, they are WIOA funds and you will be required to meet WIOA eligibility requirements and will have to go into the CalJOBS system – the programs we want to include in our proposal are currently in the iTrain system. (And therefore part of the EDD's Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL)) and are eligible for WIOA funds. Is this synonymous with being in the CalJOBS system?

- A. WIOA eligibility is required of any participants (job seeking clients) who will receive direct services (including training) with funding received through the Workforce Accelerator Fund. Eligibility in this context is not in reference to the training programs or the ETPL. Participants who will receive services must meet eligibility requirements and be registered as clients in the CalJOBS system (not the ETPL). Training on the CalJOBS system will be provided to successful applicants. Information on participant eligibility requirements can be found at [EDD Directive WSD 14-4, WIA Title I Eligibility](#) (current until the new WIOA Directive is issued – presently under development).

22. Does the Accelerator application process require applicants to submit letters of support by the Project Team Members?

- A. No. Letters of support are not required, and may not be submitted as part of the application. Project Team members roles and support should be described in the Project Team Description (see Narrative Tables beginning on page 19 of the RFA for details).