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TO: Workforce Development Board

FROM: *Darrel Saucedo*  
Darrel Saucedo, Chair  
WDB Funding Workgroup

SUBJECT: **FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 RECOMMENDED PILOT INITIATIVES**

On July 16, 2021, the Workforce Development Board established a Funding Workgroup to collaborate on funding related matters, including but not limited to expenditure reports, budgets, innovation funds, and other initiatives.

While working on the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Revised WIOA Budget, the workgroup identified \$456K of non-training dollars that could be repurposed for pilot projects and/or initiatives. This one-time-only funding resulted from prior year under-expenditures in the administrative costs.

Numerous initiatives were proposed and discussed over several meetings and the workgroup reached a consensus on the following two pilot initiatives:

- \$274K to enhance our IT and CalJOBS system by purchasing modules and licenses that will allow and expand virtual services, such as mock interviews, virtual job fairs, and virtual training.
- \$182K to provide personal protective equipment to our AJCCs to help enhancing the safety and health of staff and participants amid the COVID pandemic.

Please see the attachment for additional details and specifics of our recommendation.

These will be piloted for a period of 12 months. If the WDB approves, the Funding Workgroup will present on the outcomes of this pilot and its recommendations for subsequent years.

