

K12 Strong Workforce Program (SWP) Program Application Overview

MDUSD plans to submit two application for the K12 Strong Workforce Program (SWP). The K12 SWP is intended to create, support, and/or expand high-quality career technical programs at the K12 level. Applications should be aligned with the workforce development efforts occurring through the Strong Workforce Program, that are responsive to regional economic priorities, and that increase the transition to post-secondary and career with an emphasis on collaboration with our community college partners. The application must be a project based application and can be submitted as a consortium and/or as a standalone. The term for the program is 30 months and applicants can apply for the grant every year.

MDUSD proposes to submit two SWP grant application; one individually and one in partnership with Contra Costa County Office of Education.

MDUSD proposes to submit a district K12 SWP application focused on schools with at least 50% of their students are considered special populations. The project proposed would be to create a cohorted summer internship program. MDUSD would collaborate with Diablo Valley College to offer dual enrollment in a Career Counseling course. Students who complete the college course would be eligible for paid internships, using money K12 SWP.

Through this project, MDUSD intends to increase dual enrollment opportunities for its students. Additionally, we will increase the number of students who are able to participate in paid internship experiences during the summer. We will embed into the project, field trips and other work based learning opportunities for our students.

Targeted schools include:

1. Concord High School
2. Mt. Diablo High School
3. Ygnacio Valley High School
4. Olympic High School

MDUSD application seeks \$225,000 to support this project and would be required to match the amount with a 2:1 match from Carl Perkins, Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act (WIOA), and California Partnership Academy (CPA) grants and Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF).

The second grant would be with the consortium application will target pathways in Health Care, Information Communication Technology (ICT), and in Engineering/Advanced Manufacturing and continue the work started under the California Career Pathway Trust grant. The strategies identified in the joint application include:

1. Improving student opportunities by developing summer bridge programs;
2. Continuing efforts to align MDUSD pathways to the community college pathways;
3. Increase early college credit opportunities;

4. Increase work based learning opportunities for students; and
5. Collaboration between K12 counselors with the community college counselors to develop and implement strategies to increase student participation in and completion of pathways.

Because MDUSD would be joining the consortium, the required match will be 1:1.

Participating schools in the consortium are:

1. Contra Costa County ROP
2. Contra Costa College
3. Diablo Valley College
4. Los Medanos College
5. Contra Costa Community College District
6. Albany City Unified
7. Piedmont City Unified
8. Clayton Valley Charter
9. Acalanes Union
10. Antioch Unified
11. John Swett Unified
12. Liberty Union
13. Martinez Unified
14. MDUSD
15. Pittsburg Unified
16. San Ramon Valley Unified

The total amount requested in the consortium grant is \$4,407,360 and required match will be 1:1. The total amount received and match required will depend on the award amount. Staff anticipates the MDUSD could be eligible for approximately \$100,000.