

Equity in Success



Moreno Valley College School of Public Safety

ISSUE

The Inland Empire suffers from persistent, multi-generational poverty. Significant economic and educational barriers exist that affect individuals, families and communities across Riverside and San Bernardino counties. Wealth measures show that more than one in five children in the region live in poverty. Educational attainment rates are among the lowest in the state and nation, with almost one in five adults over the age of 25 lacking a high school diploma. This often results in reliance on social service programs, chronic un- and under-employment, and persistent multi-generational poverty that disproportionately impacts

traditionally marginalized and underserved communities of color. Equity, access and success for the region's residents can be improved through education and technical skill development leading to locally available living wage careers. The Emergency Medical Services sector offers an array of opportunities for individuals of all experiences and backgrounds, particularly individuals who represent the communities most in need of services. Riverside County and the state of California are facing a critical shortage of paramedics for first-response fire departments and ambulance transport providers.

REQUESTS

Support continuous funding for the Bridge Program that allows allied healthcare students to cross and co-train for professional growth and development within the industry. Strengthen the delivery of real-world competency-based training by hiring full-time lab technicians who will facilitate and maintain new high-fidelity equipment and materials, including immersive audio and visual training software, as well as equipment devices. Support both regional apprenticeship intermediary organizations and college-sponsored apprenticeship programs as they work to expand apprenticeship opportunities for students pursuing Emergency Medical Services training.

Inland Empire Tech Bridge Center

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Diversification of the region's economy requires investment in new and innovative sectors in the Inland Empire. These sectors include development of new technologies, products and services to meet the needs of a future that is climate-resilient, energy efficient, and that secures our nation's safety through a strong and stable infrastructure. Given the need for investment in the region's innovators and entrepreneurs, RCCD partnered with the Naval Surface Warfare Center Corona (NSWC Corona) and the County of Riverside to create the Inland Empire Tech Bridge Center (IETBC). This Center will provide programming and supportive services to the region's job seekers and job creators.



REQUEST

To date, RCCD has received \$1.5 million through Assemblymember Sabrina Cervantes and \$1.5 million from the county of Riverside to secure the IETBC building in Norco adjacent to NSWC. RCCD is seeking resources for continued programming support of the region's job seekers and job creators.



Inland Empire Technical Trade Center (IETTC)

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While the Inland Empire has a rich variety of traditional postsecondary institutions offering certificate and degree programs, there are only a handful of highly focused technical training centers. These centers, while offering technical training in a variety of skilled trades, often lack the necessary infrastructure, support systems, and complementary academic offerings that California Community Colleges can holistically provide to the region's traditionally marginalized and underserved populations. These populations are disproportionately impacted by the region's reliance on low skill, low wage labor in various sectors, including supply chain, logistics and hospitality. They are also most likely to suffer from climate change impacts caused by pollution from the logistics and transportation sectors across inland Southern California. Given the need for education and training that provides residents with good jobs, RCCD is working to create the Inland Empire Technical Trade Center (IETTC), an

accessible and equitable regional training center that focuses on high skill, high demand, and high paying programs that provide students with opportunities to earn while they learn through registered apprenticeship programs. The IETTC is a response to the urgent need for good jobs for the region's residents, diversification of the regional economy, and for a locally available educated and skilled workforce for the region's current and future employers.

REQUEST

RCCD is seeking resources for the establishment of facilities and programs to meet the region's current and future workforce development needs. To date, RCCD has received over \$37.5 million to begin the process of planning, land acquisition, land improvements, and program development. Early estimates indicate a need for approximately \$50 million to site the first building on the IETTC's proposed location in Jurupa Valley.