



Solano Workforce Stability Grant Program

Informational Session

August 3, 2026

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Introductions



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Today's Topics

Overview of Solano Workforce Stability Grant

Eligibility Requirements

Application Submission

Post-Award Information

Solano Workforce Stability Grant

Goals are to:

1. Support small businesses impacted by the closures of Anheuser-Busch, Mare Island Dry Dock, and Valero
2. Help businesses to keep their employees working and avoid layoffs
3. Support operational adaptation and long-term sustainability by helping businesses pivot, improve processes, and strengthen operations



Funding

Individual Grant Awards

Anheuser-Busch Closure – up to \$10,000

Mare Island Dry Dock Closure – up to \$10,000

Valero Refinery Closure – up to \$25,000

Source of Funding

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)
Dislocated Worker Program, Rapid Response Additional
Assistance funds, administered by the California
Employment Development Department (EDD)



GRANT TIMELINE

Application period opens
July 22, 2026

Informational sessions
August 3, 2026 @ 3:00 p.m.
August 13, 2026 @ 9:30 a.m.

Application deadline
August 23, 2026 @ 11:59 p.m. PT

Awardee notifications
August 26–28, 2026

Awardee confirmations
August 31, 2026

*Awards issued until funds are exhausted

Eligible to Apply...

- Businesses impacted by the Anheuser-Busch, Mare Island Dry Dock, and/or Valero Refinery closure
- Small businesses located in Solano County
 - defined as 500 or fewer employees
- Currently open and operating with valid business license
- In good standing with state and federal requirements
- Committed to retaining at least 50% of their workforce

Eligible structures: Sole Proprietor (with employees), Partnership, LLC, or Corporation

Eligibility Guidelines

What Businesses Must Show

- A clear impact from one of the closures, such as:
 - Revenue loss
 - Lost customers or contracts
 - Reduced hours or wages
 - Layoffs or risk of layoffs
 - Supply chain or vendor disruptions
- Documentation to support impact, such as:
 - Financial records
 - Contracts, invoices, or business activity records
 - Payroll or staffing records
 - Communications showing business loss



Grant Funding Uses

- Equipment, tools, or technology to support operations
- Software or systems to improve efficiency or capacity
- Marketing or business development to replace lost revenue
- Operational changes to help stabilize or grow the business
- Employee training or upskilling
- Limited professional or consulting services tied to business stability



Funds *CANNOT* Be Used For

- Employee wages, salaries, or benefits
- Rent, utilities, or general operating costs
- Loan payments, debt, or credit obligations
- Marketing not tied to revenue recovery
- Construction, renovations, or vehicle expenses
- Professional services not tied to an approved use
- Costs covered by another funding source
- Activities not directly tied to business stability or employee retention

Application Submission

What You'll Need to Submit

- Valid business license and completed W-9
- Current employee headcount and estimated retention after funding
- Description of business, products and services
- Connection to business closure and how impacted
- Overall plan – how funds will be used to prevent layoffs, including activities and expected outcomes
- Back up documentation

Businesses Impacted by Multiple Closures

- May submit multiple applications
- Each application must show separate impact with non-duplicative funding request



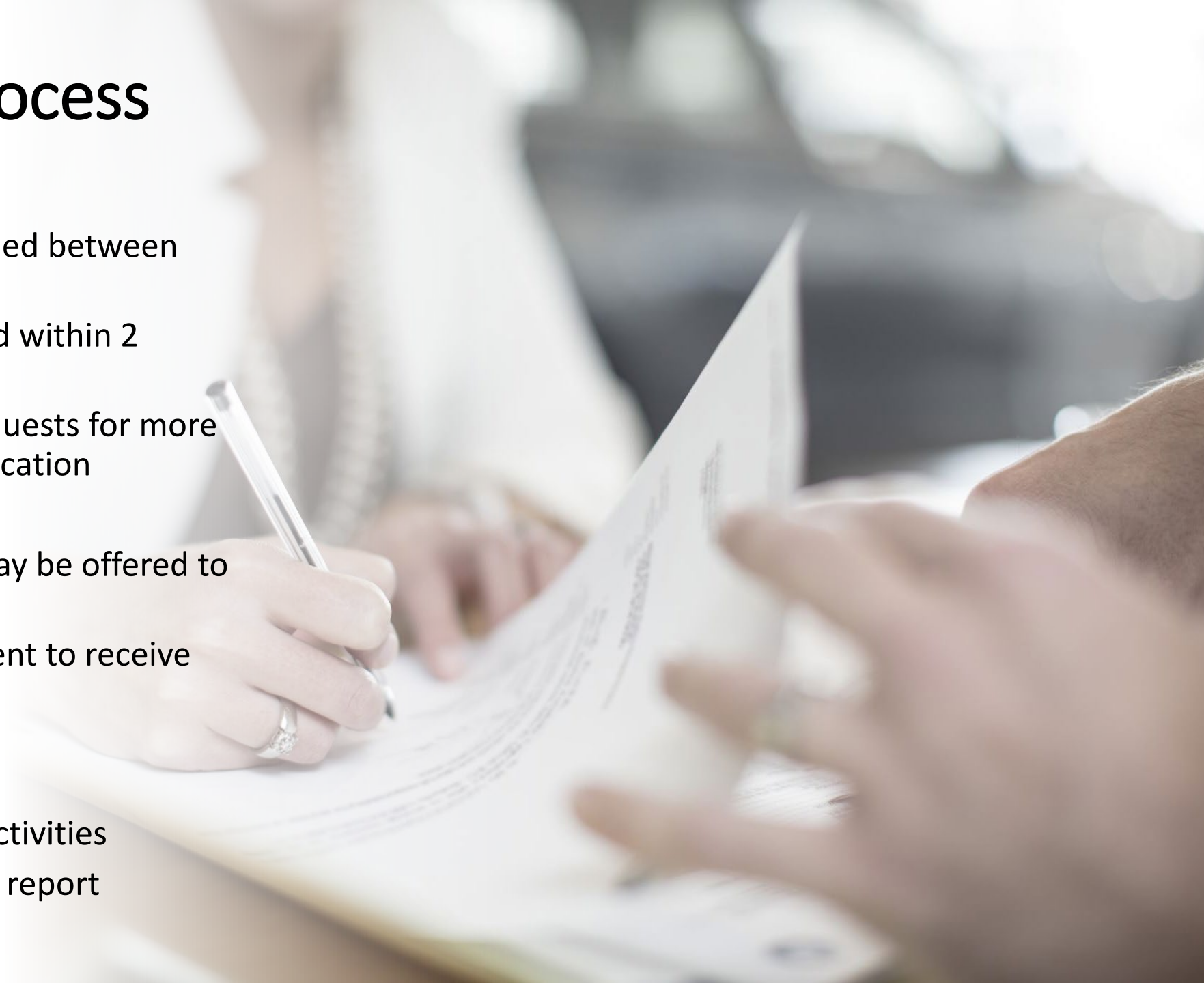
Post-Award Process

What to Expect

- Selected awardees notified between August 26 – August 28
- Businesses must respond within 2 business days
 - Respond to staff requests for more clarification or verification
 - Award acceptance
- If no response, award may be offered to another applicant
- Complete grant agreement to receive funds

After Award

- Use funds for approved activities
- Submit required 6-month report





ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS: opportunities@solanowdb.org