



# Solano Workforce Stability Grant Program

Informational Session

April 14, 2026

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Introductions



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# Today's Topics

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Overview of Solano Workforce Stability Grant

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Eligibility Requirements

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Application Submission

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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

**April 1, 2026**

Application period opens

**April 14 & April 21, 2026**

Informational sessions (3:30 PM)

**May 1, 2026**

Application deadline (11:59 PM)

**May 11–15, 2026**

Awardee notifications

**May 18, 2026**

Awardee confirmations

\*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

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- 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

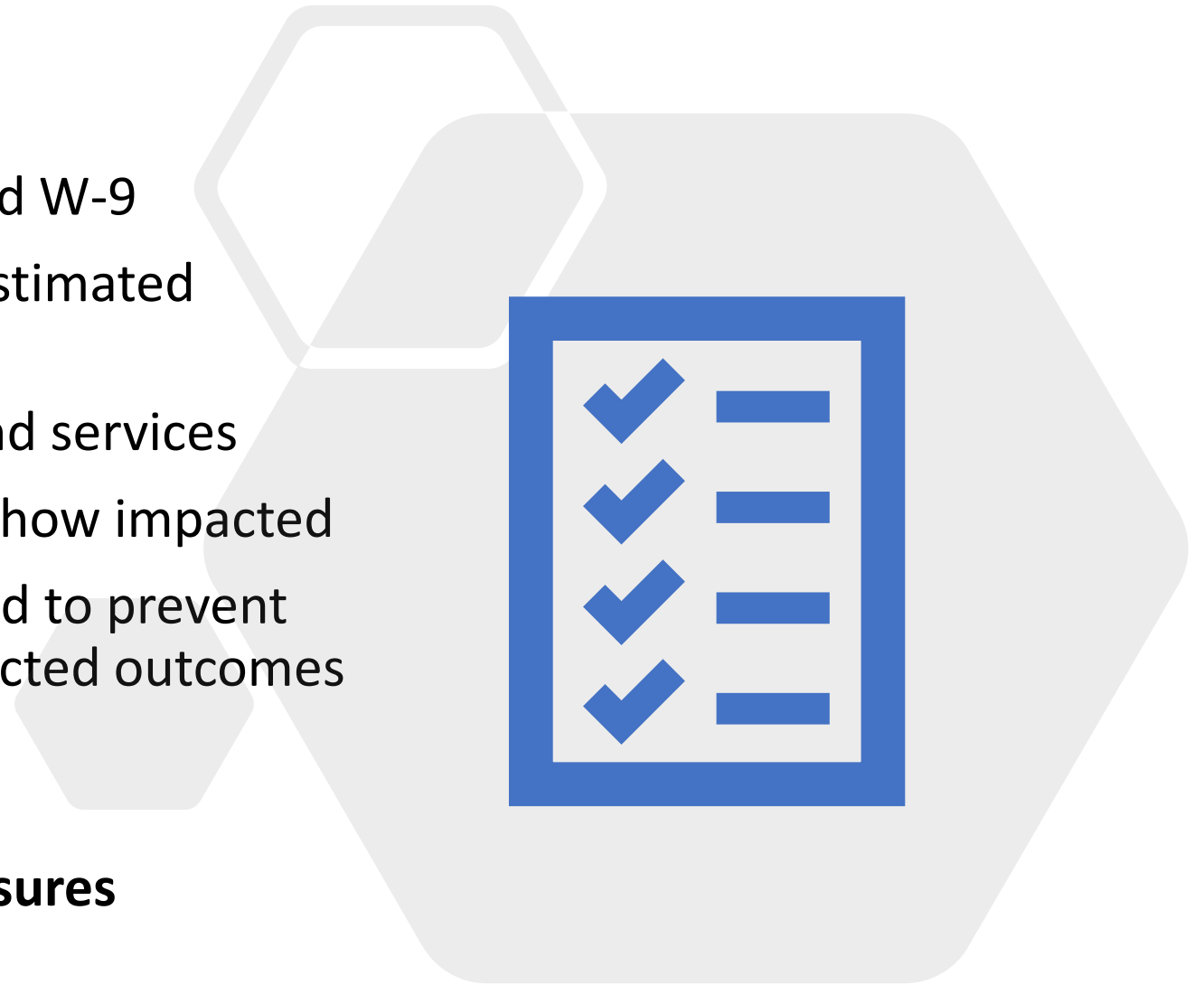
# Application Submission

## 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 May 11 – May 15
- 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



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