



SMALL BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE

JUNE 17, 2021

Hosted by the Assembly
Committee on Jobs, Economic
Development, and the Economy
Assemblymember Sabrina
Cervantes, Chair



WELCOME AND OVERVIEW

Agenda Item I

AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Overview
- II. Economic Data
- III. Implementation of Economic Recovery Programs
- IV. Information Sharing of Economic Recovery Proposals
- V. Final Comments and Adjournment

JEDE CHAIR ASSEMBLYMEMBER SABRINA CERVANTES

- Elected to the Assembly in 2016
- Served on the JEDE Committee for three terms, including two as Chair
- During the COVID-19 pandemic, Sabrina is focusing the Assembly Jobs Committee on tracking and disseminating information to stakeholders about resources available to help keep small businesses open and workers employed.
- The Assembly Jobs Committee regularly convenes stakeholder groups to exchange information, collaborates on small business outreach projects, and maintains a webpage with information about resources, free webinars, and recovery activities in California. <https://ajed.assembly.ca.gov/content/covid-19-resources>



REMOTE TESTIMONY STATIONS (RTS)

Due to continuing social distancing requirements, the Assembly is taking extra steps to assist you in making your voice heard.

In addition to toll free call-in numbers, the State Assembly is hosting Remote Testimony Stations (RTS) on the North side of the Capitol.



REFLECTIONS ON CALIFORNIA'S RE-OPENING

It has been a challenging 15 months.

Working together – we have helped our communities endure.

We have lost family members, friends, and valuable community members since the start of the pandemic.

We have experienced the significant layoff of workers and the closure of businesses.

Throughout these tragic events, we have also seen new partnerships, innovations, and members of our community going above and beyond their “job descriptions.”

We want to say thank you for always trying to do your best and being a JEDE Friend.

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- More than [40 million vaccinations](#) have been administered in California, surpassing the next closest state by 16 million, with over [70 percent](#) of adults having at least one shot. For Full Press Release, [click here](#).



ECONOMIC DATA

Agenda Item II

DATA POINTS

FEDERAL Unemployment – 5.8% (May 2021)

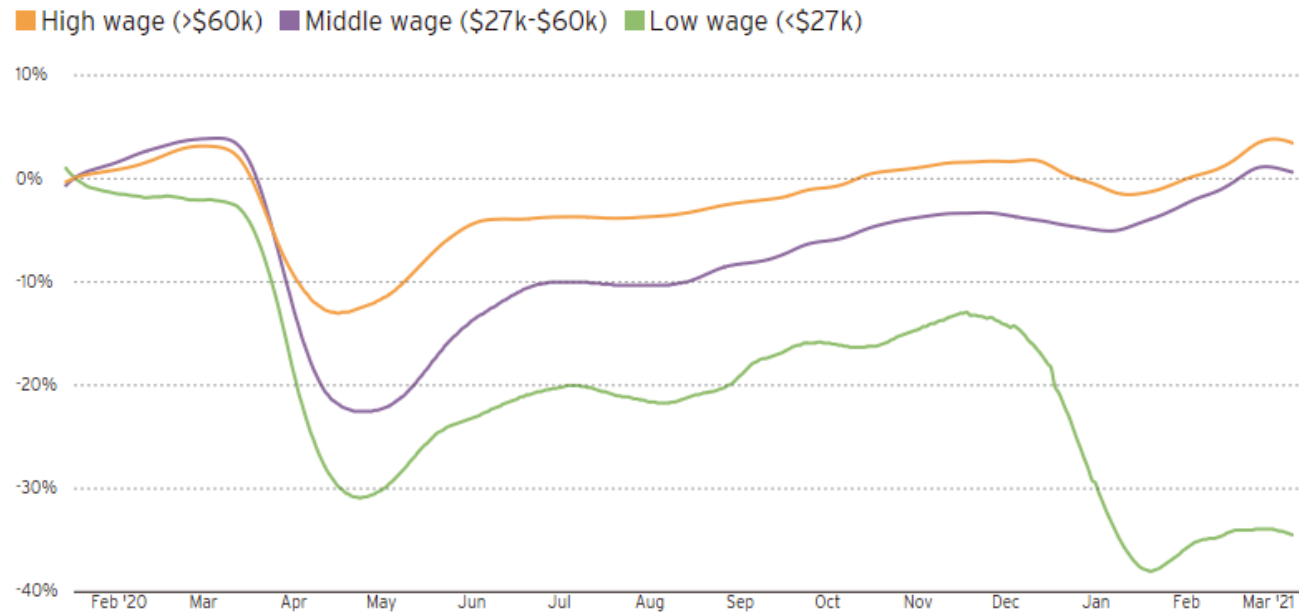
- ❖ US nonfarm payroll employment increased by 559,000 in May 2021, and the unemployment rate was 5.8% with 9.3 million people unemployed.
- ❖ Greatest job growth in May occurred in leisure and hospitality, public and private education, and in health care and social assistance.
- ❖ The May 2021 unemployment rates: 9.6% for Teenagers, 5.4% Adult Women, 5.9% Adult Men, 9.1% for Blacks, 7.3% for Hispanics, 5.5% for Asians, and 5.1% for Whites.
- ❖ The labor force participation rate was 61.6%, 1.7% lower than February 2020.
- ❖ There were 6.6 million persons not in the US labor force who currently want a job, 1.6 million higher than in February 2020.

CALIFORNIA Unemployment – 8.3% (April 2021)

- ❖ Total nonfarm employment in CA for April 2021 was 17.3 million, reflecting an increase of 37,000 jobs from the prior month, up 11.2% from the prior year.
- ❖ CA reported over 1.5 million unemployed individuals for the month of April 2021, this is 46.9% lower than April 2020. Labor participation rate of 61% - increase of 1.2% from the prior year.
- ❖ Between April 2020 to April 2021, CA employment was up by 1.7 million workers.
- ❖ April 2021 unemployment rates: 23.1% for Teenagers, 13.9% for Blacks, 11.8% for Hispanics, and 10.2% for Whites.
- ❖ 44.5% of the people who filed for some form of unemployment-related benefits, in the week ending June 5, 2021, only had a GED, high school diploma, or less formal education.
- ❖ \$149.7 billion paid to out of work Californians since start of pandemic.
- ❖ Over 1 million people (6.3% of all workers) worked part time involuntarily, also called “for economic reasons.” This is a 44.6% increase from April 2020.

LOW-WAGE WORKERS WERE MOST LIKELY TO LOSE THEIR JOBS DURING THE PANDEMIC

While middle- and high-wage workers have begun to recover employment, low-wage workers have not. This chart shows employment change since January 2020.



Source: [Opportunity Insights](#)

BEYOND THE BLUEPRINT

- On June 15, California retired the *Blueprint for a Safer Economy*.
- The CA economy is fully open.
- Restaurants, shopping malls, and most everyday places are operating as normal – with no capacity limits or physical distancing required.
- Face coverings will still be required in some settings and Californians will be required to follow restrictions for large events.
- Fact Sheet: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Beyond-the-Blueprint-Fact-Sheet.pdf>



CALIFORNIA IS READY TO RE-OPEN

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TRACKING VARIANTS

- B.1.1.7 variants are associated with approximately 50% increased transmission, and likely with increased disease severity and risk of death. Appears to have minimal impact on the effectiveness of treatments with antibodies.
- B.1.351 variants are associated with approximately 50% increased transmission. May have moderately decreased response to antibody treatments.
- P.1 variants may have moderately decreased response to some antibody treatments.
- B.1.427 and B.1.429 are associated with approximately 20% increased transmission. There is significantly reduced efficacy of some antibody treatments.

Known Variants of Concern in California

Variant (WHO Name)	Number of Cases Caused by Variant
B.1.1.7 (Alpha)	8,882
B.1.351 (Beta)	102
P.1 (Gamma)	1,210
B.1.427 (Epsilon)	6,812
B.1.429 (Epsilon)	12,941

Source: Data for June 9, 2021

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/COVID-Variants.aspx>



IMPLEMENTATION OF ECONOMIC RECOVERY PROGRAMS

Agenda Item III



FOCUS AREAS

- ❑ Updates on Approved Economic Recovery Initiatives
- ❑ Strategies to Improve Program Delivery

KEY RECOVERY CHALLENGES IN 2021

- ❑ Small businesses, especially women- and BIPOC-owned businesses, must be a priority in the state's recovery efforts. Data continues to suggest these businesses are having the greatest challenges in accessing technical and financial assistance.
- ❑ Many of the state's smallest businesses are not aware of assistance or find the documentation necessary to apply a significant barrier.
- ❑ Small businesses are finding it difficult to meet prime contractors, who may be bidding on state contracts.
- ❑ COVID-19 is amplifying old business operation challenges, including local broadband capacity, access to capital, and the cost of meeting regulations.
- ❑ With the economy reopening, many small businesses face the payment of back rent while struggling to re-open.
- ❑ The variety of programs and resources make it difficult for businesses and workers to know where to start. The state lacks a unifying vision that aligns resources and supports collaborative delivery systems.

SPEAKERS — AGENDA ITEM III

- ❑ Toni Symonds, JEDE Committee, will facilitate our discussion
- ❑ Jessica Gonzales with the [Economic Development Department at City of Corona](#)
- ❑ Jerry Desmond representing his clients [Metal Finishing Associations of California](#)
- ❑ Jenna Hornstock and Gigi Moreno with [Southern California Association of Governments](#)
- ❑ Heidi Pickman with [CAMEO](#)
- ❑ Kristine Johnston/Chris Holden with the [Northern California SBDC Lead Center](#)
- ❑ Lorrie Aiello with [CMTC](#)
- ❑ Claudia Viek with the Invest in Women Entrepreneurs and the California Women's Business Center Network www.californiawbc.org

Other roundtable participants are encouraged to also share their priorities and experiences.



CORONA MAP QUARTERLY EVENT: MANUFACTURING ROUNDTABLE



**May 25, 2021
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Virtual Event- Zoom**

**Are you a manufacturer in the City of Corona or neighboring region?
We invite you to join our Manufacturing Roundtable!**

- Join industry experts, resource partners, and manufacturing businesses
- Hear resources and updates on:
 - Workforce Hiring and On-the-Job Training
 - Technical Assistance Programs/Training Resources
 - Apprenticeship Opportunities
 - Conducting Business with the Government
 - Much More!
- Share your input and business needs

Click to Register



Contact our team to learn more.

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We invite you to complete our
Needs Assessment Survey today!



INCLUSIVITY PROJECT

Project of the Norcal SBDC

1,000

1,000 black
entrepreneurs and
business owners

\$100M

\$100 million in capital
investment

100

100 new startups



Dozens of committed
community partners



CHRIS HORTON
INCLUSIVITY PROJECT
VISIONARY

Learn more at TheInclusivityProject.com



- LOCAL ECONOMIES WERE DECIMATED BY THE PANDEMIC. NOW CALIFORNIA CITIES ARE ROLLING OUT THEIR BLUEPRINTS FOR RECOVERY.

LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES VIDEO WITH THE TOP 10 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES FOR LOCAL RECOVERY

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UPDATE



PROGRAMS WE ARE TRACKING

Approved Programs & Initiatives

TRACKING NEW AND FOLLOW-ON PROGRAMS

- Federal Stimulus Bills: \$900 million COVID Relief Act and \$1.4 billion Omnibus Appropriation Act - signed December 2020
- \$1.9 trillion Biden American Rescue Plan – signed into law on March 11, 2021
- \$7.6 billion Early Action Budget Agreement to provide relief to Californians experiencing pandemic hardship, including \$2.1 billion for small businesses – signed into law February 23, 2021
- California \$6.2 billion tax cut to small business – signed into law April 29, 2021
- California State Budget for 2021-22 – AB 128, pending signature

TRACKING IMPLEMENTATION OF STATE SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES

- ❑ \$4.0 billion Small Business Grant Program. Qualifying small businesses and nonprofits can receive awards of up to \$25,000. [\\$1.5 billion added in 2021-22 Budget](#)
- ❑ \$200 million Main Street Tax Credit <https://www.ftb.ca.gov/file/business/credits/small-business-hiring-credit.html> \$100 million in 2021-22 Budget
- ❑ \$120 million new capitalization for the Small Business Disaster Loan Guarantee Program.
<https://www.ibank.ca.gov/small-business/disaster-relief/> \$20 million approved in 2021-22 Budget
- ❑ \$12.5 million added to the California Rebuilding Fund, which provides capital to support small business loans. Provides \$125 million impact. <https://www.connect2capital.com/p/californiarebuildingfund/> \$50 million in 2021-22 Budget that could be used for Rebuilding Fund
- ❑ \$65 million Social Entrepreneurs for Economic Development initiative to assist economically disadvantaged groups <https://etp.ca.gov/grants/> \$10 million awarded in early 2021 - \$35 million in 2021-22 Budget

BIDEN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

[HTTPS://WWW.HKLAW.COM/-](https://www.hklaw.com/-/media/files/insights/publications/2021/03/americanrescueplankeyprovisions.pdf?LA=EN)

[/MEDIA/FILES/INSIGHTS/PUBLICATIONS/2021/03/AMERICANRESCUEPLANKEYPROVISIONS.PDF?LA=EN](https://www.hklaw.com/-/media/files/insights/publications/2021/03/americanrescueplankeyprovisions.pdf?LA=EN)

\$1.9 trillion set of actions to combat the economic downturn and the COVID-19 pandemic. Key elements include:

- \$350 billion would help state and local governments bridge budget shortfalls, including funding to retain essential public workers, including police officers, firefighters, nurses, and educators
- \$2,000 in direct payments to individuals and households, calibrated by income. (\$1,400 + \$600 Dec bill)
- Extended unemployment insurance and \$400 UI weekly supplement
- Small business assistance, including minority-owned small businesses and women-owned small businesses. Both debt and grants are envisioned
- Increase the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour
- Federally mandated paid leave for workers
- Strategies to spur more manufacturing in the USA
- New investments in research and development to support innovation
- Funding infrastructure to address competitiveness and climate



INFORMATION SHARING OF ECONOMIC RECOVERY PROPOSALS

Agenda Item IV

FOCUS AREAS

- ❑ Public Policy Priorities for 2021
- ❑ Economic Recovery Proposals – Under Discussion
- ❑ Recommendations from Reports



SPEAKERS — AGENDA ITEM IV

- ❑ Toni Symonds, JEDE Committee, will facilitate this discussion.
- ❑ Clint Kellum with the IBank
- ❑ Phil Vermeulen with the Coalition of Small and Disabled Veteran Businesses

Advocates are encouraged to share their 2021 Federal and State Priorities.

TRACKING NEW AND ONGOING ISSUES

- American Jobs Plan - \$2 trillion in infrastructure, workforce, and small business procurement opportunities
- State Small Business Credit Initiative – CA formula allocation \$895 million
- Finishing up of the State Budget -

SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY CONCERN (SLIDE 1 OF 2)

- California Air Resources Board (CARB) is updating “Airborne Toxic Control Measure for Hexavalent Chromium [CrVI ATCM]” CARB Webpage: [https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/chrome-plating-atcm\](https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/chrome-plating-atcm)
- Issue: The electrical charge during the chrome plating process causes the hexavalent chromium to be emitted from the bath as an aerosol that, once emitted from the facility, can be inhaled and entrained inside the lungs. ATCM last updated 2007
- Publication of Proposed Regulatory Language – on May 26
 - Ban on functional chrome plating - July 1, 2024
 - Ban on hard chrome plating - July 1, 2028
 - Ban on chromic acid anodizing - July 1, 2033
- Potential CARB Decision – anticipated in Summer 2022
- Proposed Regulatory Language ignores all the work successfully negotiated in the recently-enacted South Coast Air Quality Management District [SCAQMD] Rule 1469.

CRVI ATCM PROPOSED REGULATION (SLIDE 2 OF 2)

Concerns

- Bans do not change what the market requires
- Bans will simply export these operations to other states and countries where there are less if any controls and will result in an increase in emissions
- Bans will leak significant businesses and associated jobs away from California

Business Impacts - Functional hex chrome plating is utilized for key segments of the consumer marketplace: from medical implants to faucets. Hard chrome plating - while the aerospace and defense industries use hard chrome plating and chromic acid anodizing to meet strict OEM and defense [MIL-SPEC] requirements

Industry Request - There is an effective alternative: Extend the recently-enacted South Coast Air Quality Management District [SCAQMD] Rule 1469 on a statewide basis

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STATE SMALL BUSINESS CREDIT INITIATIVE (SLIDE 1 OF 2)

- The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 included \$10 billion for the reauthorization of the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI), which was initially created in 2010, to strengthen state programs that support financing of small businesses. In 2010, California received \$168 million from the SSBCI, and the funds were split equally between the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank (IBank) and the State Treasurer's Office. California operated three of the five SSBCI authorized programs, the California Capital Access Program for Small Business, California Capital Access Program Collateral Support at California Pollution Control Finance Authority, and the Small Business Loan Guarantee Program that is now administered by IBank.
- On April 9, 2021, the U.S. Treasury released a by-state allocation of the first \$6.2 billion of the \$10 billion appropriated, and California is estimated to receive \$895 million in three tranches as the funds are used. The U.S. Treasury is still developing their guidance for programs and anticipates rolling that out over the next two to six months. All states are required to submit a program application by December 11, 2021. The IBank has established an SSBCI working group in anticipation.

STATE SMALL BUSINESS CREDIT INITIATIVE (SLIDE 2 OF 2)

Under the formula allocation, CA is eligible for \$894.7 million (14.3% of total allocation)

Program Timeline

April 9 – US Treasury announces allocation amounts for CA

May 10 – CA must provide notice to the US Treasury that we are interested in applying for SSBCI

May 10 – US Treasury announces allocation amounts for Tribal governments

June 11 – Tribal governments must provide notice to the US Treasury of their interest in SSBCI

Early Summer – US Treasury Releases Guidelines

December 11 – CA submits a plan to the US Treasury on how they propose to spend \$894.

<https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/small-business-programs/state-small-business-credit-initiative-ssbci>



BACKGROUND NOTES OF MAJOR INITIATIVES

Updated as new information
becomes available

BIDEN'S \$2 TRILLION AMERICAN JOBS PLAN (SLIDE 1 OF 2)

- \$621 billion on roads, bridges, public transit, rail, ports, waterways, airports, and electric vehicles to improve air quality, reduce congestion, and limit greenhouse gas emissions
- \$400 billion to bolster caregiving for aging and disabled Americans
- \$300 billion toward boosting manufacturing, specifically semiconductor, medical, and clean manufacturing
- \$213 billion toward building, renovating, and retrofitting over two million homes and housing units
- \$180 billion to advance US leadership in critical technologies, upgrade research infrastructure, and establish the US as a leader in climate science, innovation, and research and development
- \$111 billion to rebuild water infrastructure and replace all the nation's lead pipes and service lines

BIDEN'S \$2 TRILLION AMERICAN JOBS PLAN (SLIDE 2 OF 2)

- \$100 billion to build new public schools and upgrade existing buildings, and \$12 billion to states to use towards infrastructure needs at community colleges
- \$100 billion in order to give every American access to affordable, reliable, and high-speed broadband
- \$100 billion to workforce development to help dislocated workers, assist underserved groups, and get students on career paths before they graduate high school
- \$18 billion to modernize the Veterans Affairs' hospitals and \$10 billion to modernize federal buildings

Proposal would be paid for by raising corporate tax to 28% and the global minimum tax to 21%, placing a 15% levy on book income for the largest corporations, and corporate inversions.

JEDE 2021 BILL PACKAGE

1. **AB 1571 - Regulatory Fairness**: Implements a *moratorium on new regulations* that affect small businesses located in a disaster area, unless OES certifies that the regulation is necessary to address the emergency and the proposed rule provides adequate notice and implementation time.
2. **AB 1572 - Saleable Tax Credit to Raise Investment Cash**: Establishes a state *New Market Tax Credit* to assist community development entities raise capital to invest in small businesses in low-income communities.
3. **AB 1573 - Local Economic Development Support**: Establishes the *California Business Retention Program*, within GO-Biz, for the purpose of supporting local economic recovery efforts. The program leverages existing state resources to better align with state's economic development and small business technical assistance providers.
4. **AB 1574 - Procurement Improvements**: Implements the Small Business Contract Act of 2021, which:
 - Updates the role of the Small Business Advocate at the Department of Veterans Affairs
 - Strengthens the "commercially useful function" requirement of state contracting.
 - Expands the Target Area Contract Preference Act to include an additional \$50,000 for workforce preferences.
 - Adds "limited contracting small business enterprise" and "new small business enterprise" to Small Business Contracting Act to facilitate a deeper conversation with state contracting agencies.



2021-22 BUDGET

KEY LINKS (SLIDE 1 OF 9)

- **AB 128 (Ting) Budget Bill Text:**

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB128

- **Assembly Budget Committee Floor Report on the 2021-22 Budget:**

<https://abgt.assembly.ca.gov/sites/abgt.assembly.ca.gov/files/Floor%20Report%20of%20the%202021-22%20Budget%20-%20%28June%2011%2C%202021%20Version%29.pdf>

- **Senate Budget Committee Bill Analysis of AB 128:**

https://sbud.senate.ca.gov/sites/sbud.senate.ca.gov/files/June_14_2021_Hearing_Agenda.pdf

- **DOF Tracking List of 2021-22 Trailer Bills:** <https://esd.dof.ca.gov/trailer-bill/public/trailerBill/pdf/-1>

2021-22 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS (2 OF 9)

- \$264.1 billion spending plan, of which \$195.5 billion is from the General Fund (GF)
- \$25.5 billion in total GF reserves, including \$3.4 billion in the Special Fund for Economic Uncertainties
 - \$3.2 billion in the Regular Reserve (SFEU)
 - \$1.2 billion in the Safety Net Reserve
 - \$5.3 billion in the Prop 98 Reserve
 - \$15.9 billion in the Rainy Day Fund (Budget Stabilization Account)
- \$96.1 billion Proposition 98 spending. This include the full-off of Proposition 98 Deferrals
- \$27 billion Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. This brings the total amount of federal stimulus funds for state programs to over \$275 billion.

2021-22 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS (3 OF 9)

- **\$8.1 Billion Golden State Stimulus 2:** Provides \$8.1 billion in tax cuts to Californians with income of up to \$75,000. This will provide taxpayers with payments of \$500, \$600, 1,000 or \$1,100, depending on their filing status. Combined with early action tax relief for families and businesses, this totals approximately \$14.7 billion in tax relief.
- **\$1.5 Billion Small Business and Non-Profits Grants:** Provides an additional \$1.5 billion in small businesses and non-profit grants, bringing the total investment in the Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program to \$4 billion.
- **\$2 Billion Unemployment Insurance Mitigation for Small Businesses.** Provides \$2 billion of tax relief over a ten-year period for small businesses to mitigate impacts of Unemployment Insurance repayments, beginning in 2023. This replaces the Governor's \$1.1 billion proposal that would not target relief to small businesses and would not have a practical benefit to any business until 2030.

2021-22 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS (4 OF 9)

- **Broadband:** \$7 billion over a multi-year period for broadband infrastructure and improved access to broadband services throughout the state. Details will continue to be worked out through three party negotiations. Administrative flexibilities will enable the appropriated funds to be accelerated to ensure they are available as needed to fund the expansion and improvements.
- **Film Tax Credit:** \$90 million, including \$75 million recurring to expand the California Film and Television Tax Credit Program 3.0 productions that relocate from other jurisdictions.
- **Tourism Grant:** \$95 million one-time federal ARPA funds to the Office of Tourism to implement strategic media recovery campaigns that will jump-start the recovery of the travel and tourism industry once it is safe to travel.
- **Independent Venues:** \$150 million one-time GF for CalOSBA to provide financial relief to independent venues, live events businesses, and minor league sports.
- **Port Infrastructure:** \$250 million one-time federal ARPA funds to GO-Biz to allocate to California ports to address some of the revenue impacts suffered by ports as a result of COVID-19.

2021-22 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS (5 OF 9)

- **Main Street Tax Credit:** \$100 million to for the Main Street Small Business Tax Credit to provide a second round of reservations in 2021-22. This would include \$47 million in unauthorized credits from the first round. SB 1447 (Bradford, Caballero, Cervantes), Chapter 41, Statutes of 2020.
- **Inclusive Innovation Hub:** \$2.5 million one-time GF to relaunch the California Innovation Hub program as the Inclusive Innovation Hub program (iHub2) to incentivize a focus on diversity, equity and inclusion in the state's tech and science-based startup ecosystem.
- **More GO-Biz Staff:** \$901,000 ongoing GF and permanent authority for six positions in 2021-22 for the California Office of the Small Business Advocate (CalOSBA) to provide direct support to small businesses. Also, \$535,000 one-time to fund three one-year limited term positions for CalOSBA for the California Jobs Initiative.

2021-22 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS (6 OF 9)

- **California Dream Fund Program:** \$35 million one-time GF to support microgrants up to \$10,000 to seed business start-up by entrepreneurs from underserved small business groups.
- **Grants to Microbusinesses:** \$50 million one-time GF for grants to local governments and nonprofits to provide direct relief to eligible microbusinesses.
- **Small Business Loan Guarantee Program:** \$20 million one-time GF to recapitalize the Small Business Loan Guarantee Program.
- **Small Business Finance Center:** \$50 million for the Small Business Finance Center to provide financial assistance to small businesses through any IBank program, including the California Rebuilding Fund, with a focus on programs that benefit underserved businesses in California.
- **CDFI Grants:** \$70 Million one-time GF to establish a grant program for community development financial institutions (CDFIs) pending future legislation.

CLIMATE CATALYST FUND - REJECTED (7 OF 9)

The Climate Catalyst Fund is a financing tool, administered by the IBank, to make revolving loans for climate-related projects.

- \$50 million one-time GF for Climate Smart Agriculture projects, including methane reduction projects, equipment replacement, water efficiency, healthy soils, and energy efficiency for food processing.
- \$31 million one-time GF as part of the wildfire and forest resilience package. The early action package ultimately included \$16 million one-time GF in 2020-21. If approved, total funding for wildfire resiliency in 2020-21 and 2021-22 would be \$47 million.
- \$50 million to provide low-interest loans to attract recycling and reuse businesses to California.

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC RESILIENCE FUND (8 OF 9)

- **Still under discussion**

- **\$750 million** one-time federal ARPA funds for the Community Economic Resilience Fund to support the planning and implementation of regional transition strategies developed by High Road Transition Collaboratives.
 - These High Road Transition Collaboratives are intended to bring communities together through an inclusive process to produce a regional roadmap for economic growth that prioritizes the creation of accessible, high-quality jobs in future-looking industries.
 - Funding will be guided by the Just Transition Roadmap, scheduled to be published in July 2021.

EARN AND LEARN STRATEGIES - PENDING (9 OF 9)

- **\$50 million** one-time GF to the **Employment Training Panel**. Support training opportunities for new and incumbent workers and address skills gaps in economically disadvantaged regions. These resources will allow the ETP program to provide training resources to industries it traditionally has not addressed, including health care, information technology, advanced manufacturing, as well as training targeted toward public sector jobs.
- **\$90 million to the Workforce Board** to make additional High Road Training Partnership (H RTP) grants. This builds upon the \$25 million proposed in January for a \$115 million in total for H RTPs.
- **\$50 million one-time GF New High Road Training Partnerships**. Expands funding to the Workforce Board to establish H RTP in the areas of healthcare, cybersecurity, and other growing sectors on an accelerated timeline to align with community college pathways.
- **\$10 million** Proposition 98 GF for CCCs to align their programs with these H RTPs.
- **\$42 million** GF to the ETP to leverage existing community college contract education units to provide small businesses with new and incumbent employee training and accelerate their recovery.



CLOSING THOUGHTS

Links to Useful Information



Supporting SMALL
strengthens us ALL:
#ShopSafeShopLocal

STAY CONNECTED WITH GO-BIZ AND OPR

GO-Biz, the Office of the Small Business Advocate, and OPR are partnering on a range of activities, including weekly webinars and videos. You can stay connected through the following channels:

- To view the Entrepreneurship Task Force COVID-19 Rapid Response Online Sessions: <https://business.ca.gov/advantages/small-business-innovation-and-entrepreneurship/help-us-advance-entrepreneurship/>
- Subscribe to GO-Biz's Newsletter for COVID-19: <https://business.ca.gov/gobiz-newsletter-signup/>
- Subscribe to GO-Biz OZ Updates: <https://opzones.ca.gov/sign-up/>
- Subscribe to OPR's Federal Grants E-List: <https://tinyurl.com/y9du7fg3>
- Follow @CAGOBIZ on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/CAGoBiz>
- Follow @Cal_OPR on Twitter: https://twitter.com/cal_opr?lang=en
- Subscribe to the GO-Biz YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCregW8KZRE4k1sXVZs2bPxw>
- Submit questions to the California Business Investment Service: calbis@gobiz.ca.gov
- Submit questions regarding the Opportunity Zones and Promise Zones: zones@gobiz.ca.gov

JEDE COVID-19 ACTIVITIES

Conference Calls: JEDE is sponsoring monthly conference calls where stakeholders can share program and service delivery challenges in real time and seek resolution and mitigation actions within the broader business, economic, and workforce development community.

COVID-19 Updates: JEDE regularly publishes economic and business development updates to professionals engaged in meeting the needs of small businesses and local communities caused by the coronavirus emergency.

Resource Webpages:

- JEDE COVID-19 Resource Page: <https://ajed.assembly.ca.gov/content/covid-19-resources>
- Small Business Roundtable: <https://ajed.assembly.ca.gov/content/small-business-roundtables>