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Hello, welcome. Thank you for submitting your project proposal to Thrive Inland SoCal for Catalyst Funding. In 2021, Governor Newsom launched the \$600 million Regional Investment Initiative to create quality jobs and bolster California's resilience to climate and global challenges. Thrive Inland SoCal received \$14 million in Catalyst Funding, \$9 million of which goes to advance sector-specific pre-development projects from early and near-completion stages to "ready-to-go" status, facilitating access to various funding sources. While there is no formal Request for Proposal (RFP) from the State of California, this form allows Thrive Inland SoCal to involve stakeholders across Riverside and San Bernardino Counties to ensure equitable opportunities to participate in the process and potentially access California Jobs First funding.

## **Funding Rounds**

Round 2: September 24th–October 18th, 2024 – \$3M

Round 3: Coming 2025 – \$3M

This form is to submit an application for ROUND 2 funding.

The application for Round 2 will be open from September 24th–October 18th – all submissions must be received by 11:59p.m. on October 18th. We encourage you to start and submit your application early to ensure we receive a complete application. Decisions on Round 2 funding will be announced no later than December 20th, 2024.

## **Application Stages**

Application Stages Submissions are made online and require a brief narrative, a budget, and a self-evaluation checklist based on relevant criteria. Once submitted, applications are reviewed for completeness and sorted into one of three funding categories. This sorting is based on the applicant's self-selection and external assessments, with reviewers determining the final category and the Inclusive Planning Council making the ultimate decisions.

**Stage 1 Quantitative Review:** Applications are scored using a rubric that evaluates how well each question was addressed and budget review. These scores will determine whether the proposal advances to the next

stage. Please note proposals with high scores do not guarantee funding.

**Stage 2 Qualitative Review:** In this stage, the Inclusive Planning Council will review proposals and make the final funding decisions.

### **Funding Lanes:**

*Lane A:*

Exploratory (early phase ideas)

Maximum award amount of: \$25K

*Lane B:*

Planning (reading for investment, job creation started)

Maximum award amount of: \$250K

*Lane C:*

Last-mile (needs final funding to begin development)

Maximum award amount of: \$1Mil

Please review the project rubric to ensure project submission is in alignment with regional and state California Jobs First goals (Rubric Link is in section below).

## **\*Disclaimers\***

- Submitting a catalyst application does not guarantee funding.
- Conveners do not approve projects.
- Grant amount must be clearly stated and requested by applicant.
- All proposals will be reviewed and scored by multiple reviewers.
- All grant funding must be expensed by September 2026.
- If you are not awarded in this round you can reapply in Round 3 and/or file an appeal.

For questions or for technical assistance contact Esmeralda Vazquez: [evazquez@ielaborinstitute.org](mailto:evazquez@ielaborinstitute.org) or visit the [Thrive website](#).

### [California Jobs First-Thrive Catalyst Rubric](#)

1. Applicant First and Last Name:

2. Email Address:

3. Contact Phone:

4 . Organization Name

5. Organization Type

(Please be advised that there may be tax implications related to this funding depending on your organization type.)

501(c)(3) Non-Profit

Private

Academic Institution

Other

Government

5.1. If "other," please explain.

6. How is your organization tied to the Inland SoCal Region? Address any past or current projects your organization has/is executed/ing in the region. **(175 word maximum)**

7 . Project Title

8 . What funding has this project already received, if any?  
Please list below.

9 . Project Funding Lane Request

- Lane A (up to \$25K)
- Lane B (up to \$250K)
- Lane C (up to \$1Mil)

10 . Funding Request Amount (\$...)

11. Are you using a fiscal sponsor?

- Yes
- No



## 11.1. Who is your fiscal sponsor?

[Budget Template- 2024 Thrive Inland SoCal's Catalyst Project Funding Grant Application Project Budget](#)

## 12.1. Project Budget Upload

13 . **Project Narrative, Part A:** How does your project focus on equity, job quality, and sustainability to enhance economic competitiveness and resilience and support historically marginalized populations? Address whether it can be replicated throughout the Inland Region. **(500 word maximum)**

14 . **Project Narrative, Part B:** Identify how your proposed

project is aligned with regional and/or local labor market and climate needs. Detail any employer and/or workforce partnerships that offer employment pathways in the green economy or entrepreneurship opportunities to disinvested communities. **(250 word maximum)**

15 . **Project Narrative, Part C:** Demonstrate the economic impact potential for the Inland Empire region, which can include detailed analysis and quantifiable data supporting the projected economic benefits of the proposed project. **(250 word maximum)**

16 . **Project Narrative, Part D:** Identify the proposed project's impact on sustainability, specifically a carbon-neutral, climate-resilient economy that addresses the needs of the region's communities and the innovation ecosystem. **(250 word maximum)**

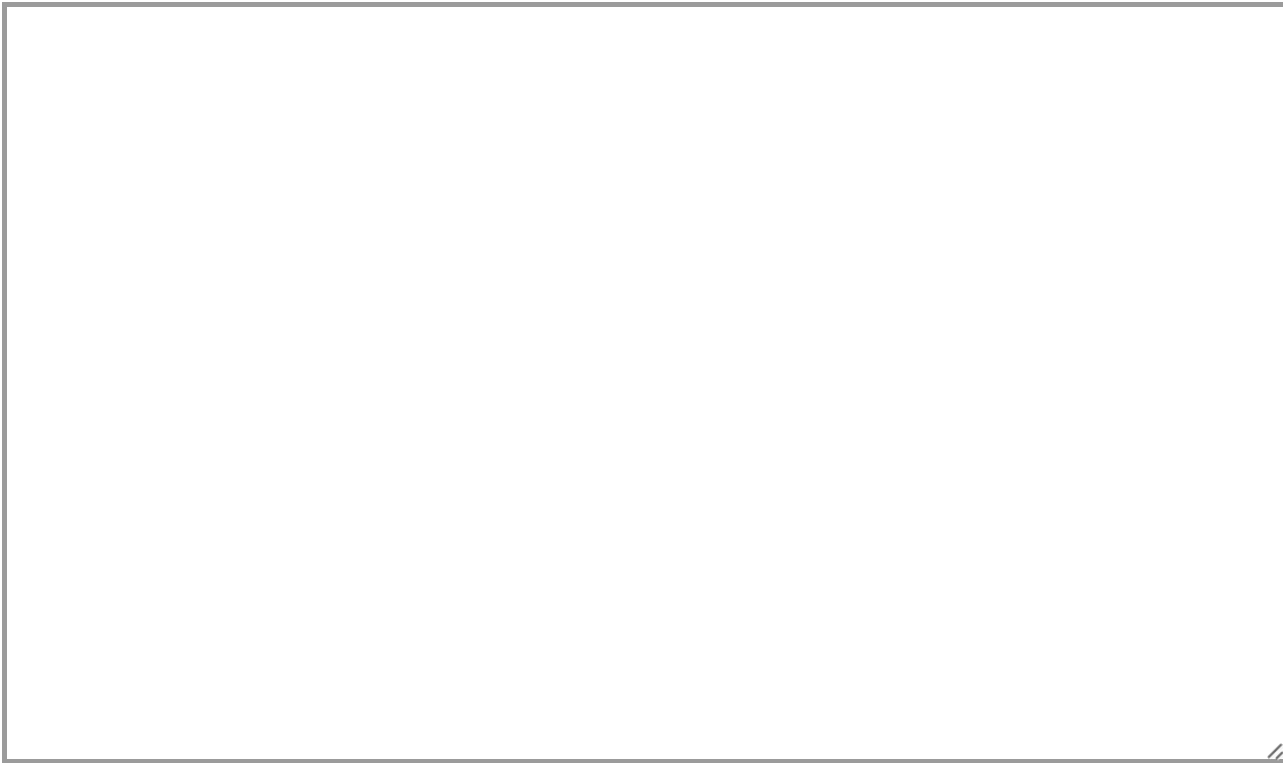
17 . **Project Narrative, Part E:** Explain how this work offers a family-sustaining wage, health benefits, a pension, opportunities for worker advancement, a safety net, and collective worker input, or a path to building wealth through entrepreneurship or related activities. **(250 word maximum)**

18 . **Project Narrative, Part F:** Identify your partners/collaborators and explain your long-term strategy for collaboration with local organizations and community stakeholders. Clearly define their scope of work, detailing their respective activities. **(250 word maximum)**

19 . **Project Narrative, Part G:** Identify the proposed

project's objectives and outcomes. **(250 word maximum)**

20 . How will you expend all funds by the closure of the grant, September 2026? (500 word maximum)

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21 . What subregion(s) will your project serve? You can select more than one. (Cities listed per subregion)

- Inland Valley:** Fontana, Rialto, Colton, San Bernardino, Redlands, Highland, Loma Linda, Yucaipa, Chino Hills, Chino, Ontario, Upland, Montclair, Rancho Cucamonga, and Unincorporated Areas
- Western and Southwestern Riverside County:** Riverside, Moreno Valley, Lake Elsinore, Perris, Canyon Lake, Menifee, Wildomar, Murrieta, Temecula, Corona, Norco, Eastvale, Jurupa Valley, Hemet, San Jacinto, Beaumont, Banning, and Unincorporated and Extended Areas
- Desert & Mountain Region:** Desert Hot Springs, Cathedral City, Rancho Mirage, Palm Springs, Palm Desert, Indio, Indian Wells, La Quinta, Coachella, Yucca Valley, Twentynine Palms, Joshua Tree, Idyllwild, Blythe, Big Bear, Wrightwood, Unincorporated and Extended Areas
- High Desert Region:** Victorville, Hesperia, Apple Valley, Adelanto, Barstow, Unincorporated and Extended Areas

22 . Which priority area for California Jobs First does your project address? You can select more than one.

- Job Quality and Access
- Equity
- Sustainability

23 . What industry/occupation does your idea align with? You can select more than one.

- Arts, Culture, Media
- Health Services (e.g. physical, mental, etc.)

- Business Services (e.g. advanced technology, cybersecurity, etc.)
- Public Service
- Climate, Environment, Energy, Agriculture
- Tourism/Hospitality
- Commerce
- Transport
- Education
- Other

23.1 . If "Other," please explain:

24 . How will you engage the broader public in supporting

your project? (300 word maximum)

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25. **Non-Profit Organization:** Please upload your IRS determination letter in pdf format. (i.e. 501 c(3) or 501 c(4))

26 . **Non-Profit Organization:** Please upload your California State Registration (Office of the Attorney General)

27. **Non-Profit Organization:** **IF** you are applying for the grant through a fiscal sponsor, please include the IRS determination letter for the fiscal sponsor.

28 . **Non-Profit Organization:** Please upload your Board of Directors- List of Names and Affiliations in pdf format.

29 . **Business/Industry/Private:** Please upload your State and Federal Business Licenses in pdf format.



30 . **All Applicants:** Please upload your Current Organizational Operating Budget in pdf format.

31 . **(Optional):** Submit additional supplemental materials to support your project submission.

\*All documents must be combined into a single file for upload.

Submission. **Before submitting, ensure all required sections are filled out to avoid disqualification of your application. All applicants will be notified of the results, in writing, no later than December 20, 2024 using the email you provided on this application. If you have any questions, please contact Esmeralda Vazquez at [evazquez@ielaborinstitute.org](mailto:evazquez@ielaborinstitute.org).**



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