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**Workforce & Economic  
Development Division (WEDD)**

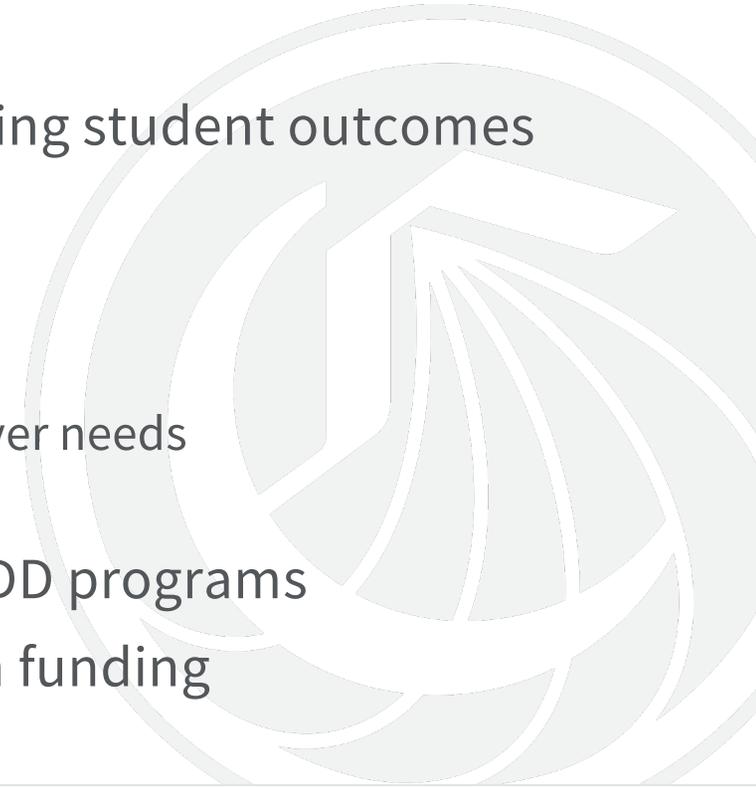


# 2021 Planning

1. Flexibility for extension of program deadlines, reporting, etc.
  - What is needed and why?
  - We will take a look at what we are able to assist with
2. Review program allocation formulas for funding impacts during emergency conditions (CTEs FTES, headcount, unemployment, etc)
3. Recovery with equity – Need to respond to legislature’s requests on what community college are doing to assist with job recovery. What programs are being put in placed, planned, etc.

# 2021 Priorities

- Relentless focus on Vision goals and improving student outcomes
- Competency based Education
- Employer Engagement 2.0
  - Expanding workbased learning
  - Increasing responsiveness to workforce/employer needs
  - Equity-minded data use and assessment
- Increase coordination and alignment of WEDD programs
- FY 21-22 Budget - \$250M workforce program funding



# Key WEDD Initiatives

- **Entrepreneurship**

- Invention and Inclusive Innovation (I3) with MIT
- Global eCommerce Center and partnership with SBDC Networks

- **Innovations in Career Education**

- Credential transparency Framework
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Digital literacy
- Employer Engagement 2.0



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## Running Themes:

- ***Serving adult learners*** – working adults in communities who are looking to increase skills and education to advance careers and wage gains. Many are underrepresented and disadvantaged populations.
- ***Recovery with Equity*** – new RFAs and funding opportunities will focus on the regions, communities, and groups that traditionally have been underrepresented and underinvested. Example of regions include the Central Valley, Inland Empire, and the North and Far North.
- ***21<sup>st</sup> Century Digital skills and literacy*** - Foundation digital skills is an inherent aspect of **21<sup>st</sup> century** education, being able to understand and use technology, including emerging ones. Digital literacy plays a vital role in defining a student's ability to succeed both in school and throughout their lives, and in navigating the future of work.
- ***Fourth Sector and Social Enterprises*** – incorporating into WEDD initiatives focused on supporting entrepreneurship and employer engagement strategies, to support recovery with equity.