

Expenditure Plan Carryover 24-25

Explanation of how carryover funds will be spent on the design and building of a workforce development, career technical education (CTE) center for adult education students:

The AVAE program is excited to announce the development of a new CTE center, which will provide transformative opportunities for students to gain in-demand skills and access pathways to livable wage careers. This project is being made possible through the strategic use of carryover funds from previous budget cycles. The CTE center will be built through valuable partnerships that are forming with key organizations, including the LA County Building and Trades Council, CalRegional, STEMed, and WestCal Academy. These partners will collaborate to design pre-apprenticeship programs and industry-recognized certification pathways, ensuring the curriculum and training align closely with the needs of local employers.

While the city's compliance regulations have caused some delays in the initial project timeline, the adult education program is committed to opening the CTE center as quickly as possible. Unfortunately, the impacts of inflation have resulted in increased construction costs, necessitating a new bidding process to secure the best value for the carryover funds. Despite these challenges, the program is dedicated to maximizing the use of the carryover budget to establish this state-of-the-art facility. Additional studies are currently underway to ensure the center is built to the highest standards and positioned for long-term success.

The carryover funds along with braided funding will be used to initiate and complete the construction phase, additional funding streams must be secured to complete tenant improvements to furnish the CTE center with the necessary equipment and supplies to support student learning. This investment will empower adult learners to gain the skills and credentials needed to thrive in high-growth, livable-wage industries. The adult education program is thrilled about the opportunities this CTE center will create for the community. By leveraging carryover funds and cultivating strategic partnerships, the program aims to open the doors to the new facility as soon as possible, providing students with transformative pathways to skilled, fulfilling careers.