

## 39 Palo Verde River Consortium CERTIFIED

Allocation Amendment: 2023-24

# Allocation Amendment Summary

## Fiscal Declaration

The Fiscal Declaration information in this section has been provided as a courtesy. It has not been changed since CFAD has been approved by the Member Representatives.

**Consortium Name:** 39 Palo Verde River Consortium

**Funding Channel:** Fiscal Agent

**Fiscal Agent:** Not Selected

**Narrative:** As described in the current three-year plan, the consortium is committed to expanding and improving adult education programs constrained only by regional capacity and allocations. The previous Three-Year Plan's geographic constraints, workforce needs, and opportunities remain unchanged. The consortium comprises three members: Palo Verde College District and Palo Verde and Needles Unified School Districts. Active partners include the Fort Mohave and Chemehuevi Indian Tribes. Evolving partners include Progressive Farmers Association, City of Blythe, City of Needles, Creating a Legacy, Inc. (CALI), and San Bernardino and Riverside Regional Workforce Boards. Regional economic development is static. The region suffers from a talent drain due to limited workforce opportunities. Retail is impacted by negative growth, and employment from the agriculture sector has been steadily declining. There are indications of near-term significant workforce opportunities from evolving cannabis investments in Needles and Blythe. Nearby prison employment opportunities are capped with indications of a future decrease. The State of California has announced that the Chukawalla State Prison will be shut down by 2025, further contributing to the economic downturn in the region. All three consortium agencies now provide or will provide adult education/workforce in the region for the first time. Similar relationships and projects are developing with Palo Verde College, Palo Verde Unified School District, and Creating a Legacy, Inc. (CALI) to create an adult with disabilities pathway incorporating workforce development and adult primary education. As described in the current three-year plan, the consortium's commitment to expanding adult education programs is constrained only by regional capacity and allocations. 2022-2023 consortium allocation was \$923k enhanced by tactical leverages. The plan focused on scalable pilots, and to that end, during the plan's three-year period, pilots were begun and scaled in the following areas: Career Cruising, electronic career portfolios in English and Spanish Expansion of Basic Skills, ESL and Citizenship classes Beginning GED preparation and testing in English and Spanish Auto, Construction and Welding CTE classes Partnership with Needles USD. Given the gradual increase in allocations (\$923K to \$998K) and given additional leveraging opportunities, pilot project development for the evolving three-year plan includes the following areas: Health Career Pathways Expanding noncredit programs at the community college Culinary Pathways ESL satellite locations Career and workforce development CTE program expansion Adults with Disabilities Reader-friendly measurement of outcomes. The challenges facing the River Consortium extend beyond adult education and job training and instead require planning, capacity, resources, and tools partially funded by the California Adult Education Program and partially funded by strategic use of leveraged resources. Adult education/workforce resources have allowed this consortium to expand, improve and create programs designed to impact regional/global employability for adults within our consortium boundaries. Our biggest challenge continues to be driven by economic growth and employment opportunities.

**Changes:** The Palo Verde River Consortium added Palo Verde USD and Needles USD as funded voting members for the 2022-2023 FY per Board vote on April 22, 2022.

## Amended Member Allocations for 2023-24

### Type of allocation amendment \*

May revise

### Explanation for amendment \*

Following the release of the initial budget by the California governor, the Legislative Analyst's Office and other state departments undertook an extensive analysis of the budget. In mid-May, they published a May Revision, which serves as an updated assessment of General Fund revenues, expenditures, and reserve estimates. This revision takes into account the most recent economic forecast, as well as changes in population caseload or enrollment estimates.

Subsequently, in late June, the state legislature and the governor officially approved the final budget. At present, the consortium is in the process of updating the allocations for its members, taking into consideration the latest budgetary information.

Member Agency	Amended Allocation	Adjustment Made
Needles Unified	\$109,410	\$91
Palo Verde CCD	\$780,260	\$650
Palo Verde Unified	\$109,410	\$91
<b>Total Allocated to Members</b>	<b>\$999,080</b>	
<b>Total CAEP Funds</b>	<b>\$999,080</b>	
<b>Total Remaining (Must be \$0)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	

## Member Agencies

Member Agency	Member Type	Contact	Phone
Palo Verde CCD	District	Jaclyn Randall	
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Palo Verde Unified	Unified School District	Tracie Kern	(760) 922-4164 ext: 1236

## Certification & Assurances



By clicking "Approve" on the approval cards below, you are certifying the CFAD as well as confirming that you and ALL consortium members agree to the Assurances listed below.

## Assurances

### Membership & Decision-Making

- I certify that any community college district, school district, or county office of education, or any joint powers authority consisting of community college districts, school districts, county offices of education, or a combination of these, located within the boundaries of the adult education region shall be permitted to join the consortium as a member (EC 84905 (a) (b)). (See Membership Box above).
- I certify that only members as described above (and in EC 84905) are allowed to join my consortium as members and participate in decision making and approvals whether in a public meeting, or via the NOVA planning, budgeting & expense reporting system.
- I certify that as a condition of joining a consortium, as a member, I shall commit to reporting any funds (as described in EC 84916) available to that member for the purposes of education and workforce services for adults and the uses of those funds through the annual Program Area exercise in NOVA for reporting leveraged funds, and instructional hours.
- I certify that as a member of the consortium my district shall be represented only by an official designated by the governing board of the member (EC 84905 (c)).
- I certify that as a member of the consortium, I shall participate in any decision made by the consortium (EC 84905 (d)(1)(A)).
- I certify that all decision made by the consortium and its members is final (EC 84905 (d)(1)(F)).
- I certify that I will adhere to the consortium rules and procedures and, as agreed upon by the consortium members, to any additional by-laws, charters, etc.

### Public Meetings

- I certify that a proposed decision is considered at an open, properly noticed public meeting of the consortium at which members of the public may comment (EC 84905 (d)(1)(B)).
- I certify that the consortium has provided the public with adequate notice of a proposed decision and considered any comments submitted by members of the public, and any comments submitted by members of the public have been distributed publicly (EC 84905 (d)(1)(C)).
- I certify that the consortium has requested comments regarding a proposed decision from other entities located in the adult education region that provide education and workforce services for adults (EC 84905 (d)(1)(D)(i)).
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- I certify that the consortium has considered input provided by pupils, teachers employed by local educational agencies, community college faculty, principals, administrators, classified staff, and the local bargaining units of the school districts and community college districts before it makes a decision (EC 84905 (d)(1)(E)).
- I certify that in addition to the meeting requirements listed in EC 84905, and as agreed upon by the consortium members, that I will follow the public meeting requirements listed in the Ralph M. Brown Act as the Brown Act applies to the governing body of any "local body created by state or federal statute." (Ed. Code, section 54952.)

### Reporting Requirements

- I certify that I will participate in completing and updating any consortium long range and/or short range planning efforts and/or budget work plans (EC 84906, 84914(a)).
- I certify that all CAEP expenses have been expended in the CAEP seven program areas, and services provided are consistent with the 3-year plan, the annual plan, and my district's work plan & budget as submitted in NOVA (EC 84913 (1-7), 84906, 8914(a)).

- I certify that my expenditures of CAEP funds match the objectives/activities included in the annual plan and the member work plan (EC 84906, 84914(a)).
- I certify that my expenditures of CAEP funds adhere to the allowable uses of funds as identified in the CAEP Fiscal Management Guide.
- I certify that I will report student level enrollment data and outcomes as prescribed by the State CAEP Office (EC 84920).
- I certify that I will share financial expenditure and progress reports with the members of my regional consortium.
- I certify that I understand that as a member if I do not meet any of these items I have certified, I will be deemed an ineffective member which may result in a loss or reduction of CAEP funding (EC 84914(b)).
- I certify that all CAEP expenses have been expended only for the education of persons 18 years of age or older (EC 84901(a)).

## Certification

### Palo Verde CCD - Member Representative

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Approved by Jaclyn Randall

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