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Commission Awards Grant Funding To Ease Teacher Shortage

SACRAMENTO – The Commission on Teacher Credentialing (Commission) has announced the award recipients in three separate grant programs funded as part of the 2016-17 California Budget Act. These grant programs are designed to help address California’s current teacher shortage.

California Center on Teaching Careers

This grant was awarded to the **Tulare County Office of Education** and provides \$5 million in one-time funds to establish the California Center on Teaching Careers. The Center is being established to recruit individuals into the teaching profession. It will develop and disseminate recruitment publications, provide information on credentialing, teacher preparation programs, and financial aid, create a referral database linked to existing similar databases for teachers seeking employment, and provide outreach to high school and college students as well as to current credentialed teachers. In addition to a strong online presence, Tulare County will also establish six collaborating regional centers at county offices of education across the state (Los Angeles, Riverside, Shasta, San Diego, Sonoma and Ventura).

Integrated Teacher Preparation Program Grant

This grant program has awarded almost \$8 million in one or two-year grants of up to \$250,000 each to a diverse group of colleges and universities across the state to create or improve integrated teacher preparation programs. These programs would allow undergraduates to complete their credentialing requirements during a four-year undergraduate course of study, allowing them to enter the classroom sooner, and with less student debt. An additional \$2 million in grant funding will be awarded in a second round of applications. A complete list of recipients can be found [here](#).

California Classified School Employee Teacher Credentialing Program

This grant program will provide \$20 million over the next five years to create the California Classified School Employee Teacher Credentialing Program. The program provides funds to school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools to support classified school employees in completing an undergraduate degree and a teacher preparation program so that they can become teachers. The program awards up to 1,000 grants of \$4,000 per participant per year. A complete list of grant recipients can be found [here](#).