

# Community-Based Job Training Grants

## Santa Monica College



**Grantee:** Santa Monica College

**Project Title:** The California Works Alliance

**Location of Grant Activities:** Los Angeles and Orange Counties in California

**Amount of Grant:** \$ 4,877,451

**Key Industries:** Recycling and Resource Management

**Key Partnerships:** Irvine Valley College, Golden West College, Workforce Development Boards of Orange County, Marina del Rey WorkSource Center, Westlake WorkSource Center, Orange County WorkSource Center, Waste Management, Republic Services of Southern California, IMS Recycling, Allen Company, Potential Industries, Puente Hills Material Recovery Facility, ICF International, HDR, CP Manufacturing, California Biomass Inc., Miramar Greenery, Crown Disposal, The ReUse People, Habitat for Humanity Restores, MarBorg Construction Recycling, Recycling Organizations of America (RONA), California Resource Recovery Association (CRRA), and RecyclingJobs.com

**Populations to be served:** Unemployed, dislocated, and incumbent workers

**Project Description:** The California Works Alliance (CWA) provides training and education leading to career pathways in the recycling and resource management industries for workers transitioning from the impacted industries in southern California, including construction, manufacturing, business, finance, and education. CWA's "Jobs through Recycling and Resource Management" program builds upon an existing Certificate in Resource Management Program and is designed to provide a basic overview of recycling and resource management theory and practice to entry-level students that have little or no experience in the field. Additionally, the for-credit faculty led curriculum development team works directly with the [Recycling Organizations of North America](#) (RONA) to develop and adopt national certification standards to make classes transferable and replicable in other states.

### Project Outcomes:

- Total participants served: 1,200
- Total number of participants beginning education/training activities: 660
- Total number of participants completing education/training activities: 528
- Total number of participants who complete education/training activities that receive a credential: 528
- Total number of participants who enter employment: 422
- Total number of participants who enter training-related employment: 315
- Total number of participants who retain employment: 280

