

WE PROSPER TOGETHER

Purpose, Partnership, Possibility

A REGIONAL VISION FOR INCLUSIVE PROSPERITY

A COLLABORATION LED BY VALLEY VISION

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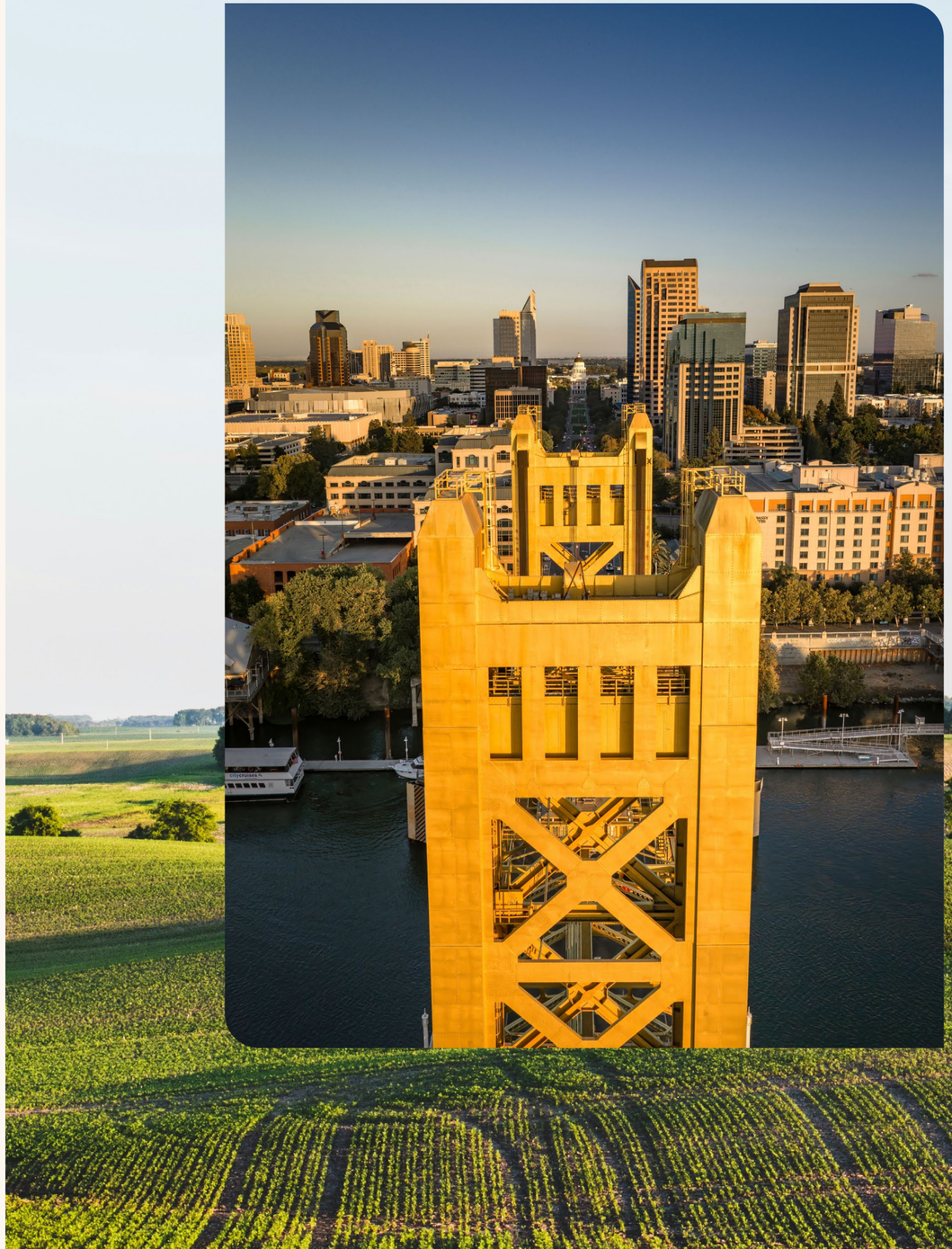
What comes next, and how to be part of it. An invitation to invest, join, and connect with the work already underway.

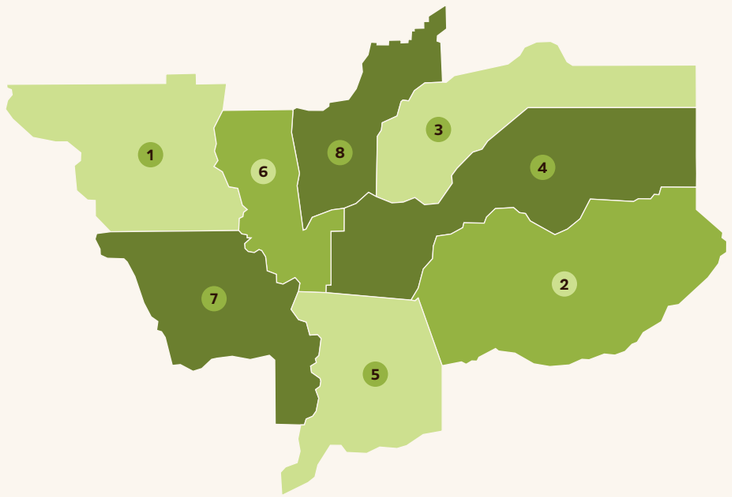
The Big Picture

Since 2023, public, private, and community leaders across eight counties in California's Capital Region have come together to imagine and then build a more inclusive and resilient economy. Seeded by the statewide California Jobs First program, "We Prosper Together" is a bold, data-driven plan to build a regional economy for all. Valley Vision, a Sacramento-based nonprofit organization, has been leading the We Prosper Together initiative since the beginning. We use data-driven collaboration to advance quality of life for everyone in the Capital Region. Our vision is a livable, sustainable region where we all thrive.

Here, you'll find what that effort has produced so far: the partnerships formed, the industry sectors activated, and the communities already benefiting from investment across the region. And we'll take a look forward to where the work is headed next.

This progress would not be possible without the dedication and leadership of so many individuals and organizations willing to envision new possibilities and to work collectively to make them real. Thank you for being part of this journey.





Our Region

California's Capital Region spans the Sierra foothills, world-class agricultural areas, sprawling suburbs, and urban cityscapes.

1. COLUSA
2. EL DORADO
3. NEVADA
4. PLACER
5. SACRAMENTO
6. SUTTER
7. YOLO
8. YUBA

Pillars of the Program

In consultation with thousands of stakeholders over the past three years, the We Prosper Together economic roadmap has grown to encompass several areas of activity, all of which are important for an equitable and thriving regional economy. Today, that includes 11 projects developing workforce training curriculum, 14 projects developing feasibility studies, business plans, and needs assessments, and 5 projects implementing construction and rehabilitation activities for education and employment facilities.



FUTURE INDUSTRIES & INNOVATION

Advance the growth of high-opportunity industries, including biosciences, precision manufacturing, and healthcare innovation, to strengthen the region's long-term economic competitiveness.



COMMUNITY RESILIENCE & LOCAL ECONOMIES

Strengthen local economies by supporting essential industries, including healthcare services, construction, food and agriculture, working lands, and rural communities, that underpin community resilience and quality of life.



ECONOMIC MOBILITY & FAMILY STABILITY

Reduce barriers to economic opportunity by advancing strategies related to childcare, housing, workforce participation, and pathways to quality jobs.



PUBLIC POLICY

Advance policies, partnerships, and public investment that strengthen regional priorities and maximize state and federal funding opportunities.



The Scale of the Work

Cumulative totals since 2023, as of July 2026

$33 Million invested in the region since 2023 ($26M from the State of California, $7M unlocked from private and public donors)

22 Projects launched to date, from workforce training to infrastructure development

1,896 individuals from disinvested communities with improved access to workforce training

22,893 community members engaged in shaping the work

257 high-quality jobs created to date

A Region With Momentum

By harnessing the region's vast and diverse capacity for growth, from metro hubs to rural ag-tech corridors, We Prosper Together offers a new regional model of economic competitiveness that encompasses inclusive economic growth, community resilience, and quality of life across eight counties.

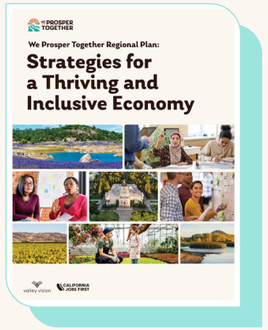




We Prosper Together has helped build new partnerships, strengthen regional relationships, and align organizations around a shared vision for inclusive economic growth. To sustain progress and forward momentum, the initiative has leveraged world-class research institutions and a regional workforce pipeline to advance long-term systems change.

That work is guided by We Prosper Together's regional plan, a shared roadmap for creating a thriving and equitable economy in the Capital Region. The strategies and priorities conveyed in the plan are guiding investments across the region in opportunity industries. Shaped by input from our diverse communities, the strategies are focused on creating high-quality jobs, connecting disinvested communities to opportunities, and ensuring equitable outcomes across our entire region.

The plan marks the conclusion of a two-year planning phase that included the establishment of We Prosper Together's Collaborative of 170+ member organizations, extensive community engagement, and comprehensive research, including 21 research products developed as a result of Catalyst funding. That collaborative effort has since grown into 64 partnership agreements and MOUs signed with key stakeholders to continue supporting that work.



Read the full regional plan at **weprospertogether.org**

One of the clearest proof points is the **Catalyst program**. We Prosper Together secured and deployed $9 million in state funding — part of the region's $33M in total investment to date — across 22 projects spanning all eight counties in our region: Colusa, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba. The Catalyst Fund backs early-stage work that lays the foundation for inclusive, sustainable economic development. Its strategies address historic disinvestment and unlock regional potential, with a portfolio that spans job creation, workforce equity, climate resilience, and community-rooted solutions.

As momentum continues to propel the region, We Prosper Together has built capacity in the industry sectors best positioned to deliver good-paying jobs, climate-resilient technologies, and opportunity for historically disinvested communities. Economic analysis, community engagement, and regional readiness have identified four priority sectors: biosciences, precision manufacturing (especially semiconductors), healthcare innovation, and working lands.

Local-Serving vs. Tradable Sectors

Utilizing Brookings Institution affiliate research, data shared by the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GOBiz), and input from the Leadership Council, We Prosper Together identified the Capital Region's strengths in a variety of sectors. Local-serving sectors, like healthcare and construction, respond to regional needs and trends, while tradable sectors respond to global markets. Both play a vital role in providing high-quality jobs and making the Capital Region a great place to live and work.

Local-serving sectors work to ensure every person in the region can have access to services and products that provide a high quality of life. We Prosper Together and Valley Vision believe we should all have access to healthcare and housing, and these sectors employ those who can provide those services to residents.

We Prosper Together has also identified tradable sectors as priorities for the region, ones that require large-scale collaboration and investment from education, workforce systems, and employers to grow emerging industries where the region shows opportunity for high growth. This includes biotechnology and biomanufacturing, as well as advanced and precision manufacturing, where a workforce strategy developed with the Greater Sacramento Economic Council, Accenture, and industry partners is helping better align employer needs with regional education partners. It also includes working lands, where the region's fertile farmland and long growing seasons position it to advance agricultural research and technology adoption in partnership with local producers.



Industry Sector Activation

To support the growth of these sectors, Valley Vision worked with regional partners, such as the Greater Sacramento Economic Council, SMUD, UC Davis, local government, and others to bring national experts to build out action strategies. While California Jobs First (CJF) funds seeded the effort, more than $300K in investments were catalyzed from regional partners to support, inform, and advance the work. That work has resulted in:

- **Emergent action strategies and an industry council to support the growth of our semiconductor industry**

- **The $7.3M Regional Investment Initiative award of the CAPBIO program, which supports growth and development of our biomanufacturing sector by advancing infrastructure, workforce pathways, and innovations and commercialization of technologies in plant and life sciences**

These investments have designed how the Capital Region can position itself to best serve growing companies by providing the infrastructure and services needed by companies ranging from start-ups commercializing from UC Davis to national and global companies seeking to expand. The most important thing for any company is finding high quality talent, communities uplifted by organizations like Valley Vision and our partners to best meet the needs of growing industries.



Priority Industry Sectors

Across the Catalyst portfolio, partners have increased access to high-quality jobs through expanded workforce pathways. That work spans every priority sector, from advanced manufacturing to biosciences to healthcare to working lands, each building the talent pipeline its industry needs to grow.

ADVANCED AND PRECISION MANUFACTURING

Jobs in this sector boast higher average earnings than jobs in our region overall and a high-quality jobs share. Regional assets, including the presence of five of the six leading chip manufacturers and the Siemens Mobility rail manufacturing hub, position this sector well for continued growth. The past two years have seen monumental industry and government investment in advanced and precision manufacturing facilities, centering on semiconductors, Micro-Electro-Mechanical Systems (MEMS), memory storage, and next-generation battery research, design, and manufacturing. Valley Vision, the Greater Sacramento Economic Council, and Accenture partnered to help design a workforce strategy to meet the needs of regional companies in this space. Many of these roles and pathways do not require a four-year degree and are attainable through credentialing programs informed by partner companies.



BIOSCIENCES

Our region occupies a uniquely strategic position for biomanufacturing growth, sitting at the convergence of agricultural abundance, research excellence in agriculture and life sciences, and emerging production capacity. UC Davis ranks #1 in the U.S. for agriculture and #1 in California for biotechnology. Recent expansions by companies such as Bayer (LifeHub), Orca Bio, Jackson Laboratory, CPC Scientific, Oobli, California Cultured, and GeminiBio demonstrate that industry recognizes the region's competitive advantages. The opening of UC Davis' Aggie Square in 2025 created a major new hub for research-industry collaboration, while The Plant at UC Agriculture and Natural Resources represents a long-standing regional priority to bridge laboratory innovation with real-world production and commercialization.



HEALTHCARE INNOVATION

Healthcare is a major employer in our region, with large medical systems including Adventist Health, Dignity Health, Kaiser Permanente, Sutter Health, and UC Davis Health. The sector has well-established professional and credentialing ladders that create a clear pathway for workers to navigate economic mobility, along with stable demand for healthcare workers as the region's population ages. Researchers at regional institutions have the opportunity to conduct clinical trials, seek FDA approvals, and commercialize within our region, building a "lab to market" pipeline intertwined with our top-tier regional healthcare services providers.



WORKING LANDS

This sector encompasses the food, agriculture, wood economy, and biomass sectors, among others. Jobs in this sector are the most accessible across the region's high-potential tradable sectors, and increased agricultural technology adoption and skills training are further accelerating productivity and wages. The region's natural assets of abundant fertile farmland and long growing seasons make it a prime location to advance research and development in the biosciences sector in partnership with local producers and agricultural businesses. Advancing work in this sector promotes inclusive economic growth and resilience in our rural communities.





CASE STUDY

Los Rios Community College District

Los Rios Community College District implemented the Building a Healthcare Talent Pipeline Project to address healthcare workforce shortages in the Sacramento region by developing specialized training programs in Surgical Technology, Cardiovascular Technology, and Radiologic Technology. As a result of Catalyst funds, these programs are **equipped and staffed, with new courses already being taught at Cosumnes River College and Folsom Lake College.**



CASE STUDY

Cal EPIC

The EPIC on the Road project, led by Cal EPIC, is successfully expanding workforce development training across the region for manufacturing careers in new energy and transportation technologies. By leveraging partnerships with private sector employers including Rivian and Bosch, Cal EPIC has deployed an all-electric mobile classroom to train youth from Sacramento's urban core to rural communities in Nevada County. Over the life of their project, they have also secured **$4.6 million in new public and private sector investment** to continue improving access to manufacturing training and careers across the region.



CASE STUDY

Project IGNITE

Green Tech and Aura Planning's Project IGNITE (Investigating Growth Needs in Inclusive Technical Education) designed and piloted a technical manufacturing training program targeting youth aged 16–24. This project is a blueprint for short-term, flexible technical training that empowers young people interested in STEM careers but who may not have the time or financial resources to pursue an advanced degree. The team successfully **graduated a cohort of 26 students**, providing stipends for transportation support, remedial math and science classes, career pathways mapping, and flexible scheduling to ensure continued participation.

"We Prosper Together has been instrumental in creating regional alignment and delivering critical funding to support high-wage job creation, driving real impact for our communities. This collaborative work has helped position our region for long-term economic growth while ensuring ***more people have access to meaningful opportunities and a better quality of life.***"

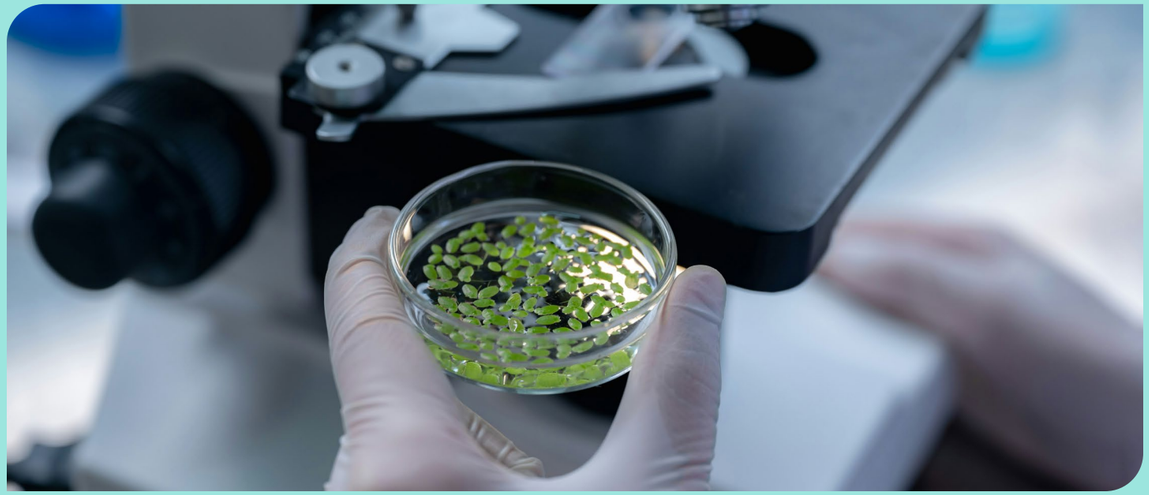
Barry Broome

PRESIDENT & CEO, GREATER SACRAMENTO ECONOMIC COUNCIL



Scaling the Bioeconomy

Biosciences is a sector in which our region has considerable assets and momentum — anchored by a state award and a new regional alliance. Building it takes more than funding: it takes infrastructure, talent, and a coordinated group of partners working toward the same goal. Valley Vision will continue to convene partners to advance and expand the workforce pathways, cutting-edge research and commercialization facilities, and advanced and early-career programs the region needs to lead the future of the bioeconomy.





The Capital Biomanufacturing Alliance

The Capital Region successfully competed for an award of $7.3M from the California Jobs First Regional Investment Initiative to build a regional biomanufacturing and biotechnology network, creating high-quality jobs and allowing the region to lean into its strengths in life sciences research.

The Capital Biomanufacturing Alliance (CAPBIO) is a coordinated regional strategy to convert the Capital Region's research excellence and infrastructure investments into a national and global hub for biomanufacturing, featuring scaled production, good-paying jobs, and durable economic opportunity. CAPBIO is intentionally designed as an integrated system of three interconnected projects.

1. **THE CAPBIO ECOSYSTEM PROJECT:**
   Drives company recruitment, commercialization support, capital activation, and regional marketing.
2. **THE PLANT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT:**
   Up to 250,000 square feet of shared biomanufacturing facilities enabling pilot and commercial scale-up.
3. **THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT:**
   Builds training and career pathways aligned to biomanufacturing employer demand.

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"Developing local talent early is one of the most essential long-term investments we can make to ***foster the success of the Sacramento region's bioeconomy.*** Programs like NextGen Bio help young people envision themselves as contributors, entrepreneurs, innovators, and leaders whose careers strengthen both their own futures and the future of the region they call home."

Marc Facciotti

PROFESSOR, UC DAVIS



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CASE STUDY

NextGen Bio

The NextGen Bio project, led by UC Davis, strengthens the Capital Region's capacity to build an inclusive, future-facing biotechnology economy by investing in local students and educators through immersive, hands-on learning experiences. The project **recruited and trained 50 students from local high schools and community colleges, and 10 educators**, from communities that have historically been excluded from the region's innovation economy. Through this program, participants explored how biotechnology, AI, and precision manufacturing can be used to address some of the most pressing challenges facing their families and neighborhoods: climate change, sustainable agriculture, access to healthcare, and renewable materials.



Built Different: Community Designed

Across the region, Catalyst grantees are hiring from the neighborhoods they operate in, training workers for jobs that didn't exist five years ago. They are building workforce facilities, a new food hub, and an innovative pipeline into biotech careers in the communities that many economic development efforts have previously left behind.

This is what turning local priorities into high-impact projects looks like: work gets done, jobs get filled, and the people historically left out of planning rooms are the ones building what comes next. We Prosper Together accompanies job and industry growth with community well-being, livability, and regional resilience as a holistic effort.

We Prosper Together is driving transformative change across the Capital Region by putting diverse community and regional voices at the center of strategic decision-making. Through a robust governance structure, including a regional Leadership Council and Collaborative, we've built a shared strategy and identity that reflect the priorities of our diverse, eight-county region. Our network of subregional and community ambassadors ensures that historically disinvested communities are not only heard, but actively shaping decisions and holding the process accountable. This powerful model of inclusive leadership is delivering real impact, aligning regional action with community priorities and creating a future where everyone has a stake in our shared prosperity.



We Prosper Together is driven by a diverse collaborative of organizations, businesses, government entities, community members, and other stakeholders from across the region, representing a wide array of communities, industries, locations, and demographics.

More than 170 organizations are part of the Collaborative.





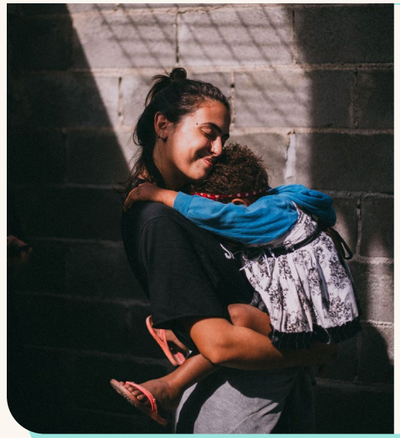
Community-Based Ambassadors

All too often, age, race, gender, and other characteristics impact an individual's access to economic mobility in the region. In the past, work to build a strong economy has not fully considered the importance of building an inclusive one. Valley Vision leveraged in-depth assessments of the region's economic, climate, and public health landscape to equip communities, industry leaders, and policymakers with tools for informed advocacy and decision-making. Concurrently, we established a network of subregional and community ambassadors who lead our community outreach and engagement efforts.

All of these processes and inputs came together under We Prosper Together to chart the path forward as a community-led initiative and long-term commitment to fostering a resilient regional economy in which all our diverse communities have the opportunity to thrive.

Governing Leadership Council

We Prosper Together established the Leadership Council as the decision-making and advisory body for the initiative, designed to reflect the diverse geographies, perspectives, and sectors of our region. Members were selected through a rigorous nomination process, representing each county government in the region, businesses, labor, tribes, industry sectors, and community-based organizations serving disinvested communities.



CASE STUDY

Yolo County Children's Alliance

The Yolo County Children's Alliance (YCCA) developed and implemented a Community Health Workforce Pilot program to design and test dual-track workforce pathways in community health, targeting BIPOC youth and young mothers aged 17–25 in Yolo County. Their program's curriculum was co-designed with local youth and successfully **graduated a cohort of 20 individuals, achieving a 100% participant retention rate**. As a result of YCCA's efforts, over half of these individuals are also enrolled in Sacramento City College's Community Health Worker certification program, beginning in the fall 2026 semester, accelerating the careers of youth in disinvested communities.



CASE STUDY

Future Fire Academy

Future Fire Academy's Justice-Involved Fire Service Planning Project is addressing two critical challenges in our region: the persistent lack of equitable career pathways for justice-involved individuals, and the urgent need for a skilled workforce in firefighting and climate-resilient public safety. In close partnership with CAL FIRE and CDCR, the project team designed and piloted a scalable, trauma-informed program that equips underserved populations with the certifications, skills, and wraparound supports required for quality employment in firefighting, forestry, fuels management, and emergency medical services (EMS). As a result of this program, justice-involved individuals will have **completed significant on-the-job training through active wildfire incidents, earned Firefighter II certifications, and be immediately eligible for hire with CAL FIRE.**



CASE STUDY

Yuba Sutter Food Hub

The Yuba Sutter Food Bank led the development of a food hub feasibility study in Yuba and Sutter Counties to serve as an aggregation point for local small farmers to access larger institutional markets. The initiative aims to address critical gaps in the local food system by connecting diverse producers, including **underserved Hmong farmers and small-scale operations**, with schools, hospitals, and other institutions, while creating economic opportunities in the agricultural sector.

"Colusa County has one of the highest unemployment rates in the State. We lack resources other urban and suburban areas have and are often excluded from the benefits of economic growth opportunities.

We Prosper Together identifies through a regional approach the pressing needs of our community while concentrating on our region's strengths by building a framework focused on creating higher quality jobs that will allow Colusa County to not just survive but continue to thrive. We are committed to working together to ***close these gaps of inequity*** and are very grateful for all the hard work and commitment of the entire Valley Vision team."

Daurice Kalfsbeek Smith

COLUSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



This is How We Prosper Together

With a proven model and the infrastructure in place, the work ahead is to continue building an economically resilient region — guided by a vision for equity and empowerment.





Durable Collaboration

We Prosper Together has aligned partners around a shared vision and served as a catalyst for building the relationships, governance, and civic infrastructure needed to drive lasting regional systems change. This has included:

- **Aligning public, private, and community partners around a common regional agenda** for inclusive economic growth, community resilience, and quality of life across eight counties.
- **Building the capacity of regional organizations** through strategic investments in 22 Catalyst projects that strengthened local leadership, partnerships, and implementation capacity.
- **Creating a platform for coordinated action and investment**, enabling partners to leverage new funding, pursue shared initiatives, and advance regional priorities beyond any single organization or funding source.

The opportunity ahead is to move from a successful initiative to a durable regional operating model, one that continues to align partners, attract investment, and drive collective action long after the initial state investment has concluded.

Our Leadership Council

This work would not be possible without the dedication of our Leadership Council. Thank you to the following members for their time, insight, and leadership:

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Become a Partner

Invest in building a more equitable and prosperous Capital Region economy. Reach out directly to explore funding partnerships and more.

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