



Pathways to Quality Jobs

A GOLDEN ACHIEVEMENT

GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT



CA RISE provided San Diego-based manufacturing ESE Rise Up Industries with a \$150,000 grant, plus access to capacity building and connections. In partnership with CA RISE, here's what RUI accomplished:

- Renovated a **40,400-square-foot facility** into a state-of-the-art training center
- **Doubled the number of employees** with barriers hired per year
- Won a **\$2.2 million** Navy contract
- Secured **Registered Apprenticeship approval** for RUI's CNC manufacturing apprenticeship program

"The CA RISE program gave us not just technical assistance, but real partnership — we walked away with clearer financial systems, stronger leadership, and a sales strategy that's already boosting revenue."

– ESE leader, Rise Up Industries

Through a transformative, first-of-its-kind \$25M investment by the State of California in 2023, the California Regional Initiative for Social Enterprise (CA RISE) was brought to life. This program provides funds to **employment social enterprises (ESEs)** — revenue-generating, mission-driven businesses across the state that offer jobs and support for people who have experienced barriers to employment, like justice system involvement or homelessness.

\$25M

Total Program Investment

\$17M

Grants for Employment Social Enterprises

\$6M

in Programming, TA, and Training

61

Grantee Businesses

A LANDMARK SUCCESS

The first cohort of CA RISE strengthened inclusive local economies, and expanded quality employment opportunities for Californians. Cohort member organizations saw broad success during their time in the program.

ESEs Grew Their Earned Revenue & Total Scale



\$575M

Total Projected Revenue (2025)



\$155M

Increase from 2023–2025



14 ESEs

Revenue Growth Over 100%

ESEs Launched New Business Lines & Products

New Business Line **28**

New Business Location **15**

New Product **17**

ESEs Hired More People with Employment Barriers

3,887 NEW JOBS CREATED

30 ESEs HIRED NEW EMPLOYEES

ESEs Gained Access to New Grants & Public Sector Opportunities

53

ESEs Increased Understanding of Public Sector Resources

238

New Employer Partners Launched

\$38M

in New Contracts & Grants secured (for 36 ESEs)

