

Program Overview

Program:	Career and Technical Education (CTE) Education Career Pathway RFP
Purpose:	The Illinois State Board of Education is committed to providing students with a well-rounded and relevant education that includes equitable opportunities to participate in career and technical education (CTE). CTE programs prepare students for both the workforce and the pursuit of postsecondary opportunities by offering students opportunities to develop technical and employability skills while also strengthening core academic skills and abilities. CTE programs are expanding nationwide and realigning programs of study to include pathways that respond to current and future economic and occupational needs. This grant will be an avenue to recruit students into the field of education, thus addressing the teacher shortage in Illinois. It will provide funding to eligible applicants to support the development and implementation of CTE Education Career Pathways or Programs of Study in specific partner districts and schools.
Program Type:	State Competitive Grant
CSFA Number:	586-41-2359
CSFA Title:	Career and Technical Education - State
Eligible Applicants:	The administrative agency of a regional vocational system formed under a cooperative agreement, a public community college, a technical institute operated by a state university, or a state agency having administrative control and direction of a program of vocational education.
GATA Award Requirements:	<p>The State of Illinois Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) requires applicants to complete pre-award requirements before receiving an award for an FY 2020 grant. This includes completion of the grantee registration and pre-qualification process through the Illinois GATA Web Portal at the link below. Grant applications must be submitted by the deadline indicated in the NOFO/RFP. https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/GATA/grantee/pages/default.aspx</p> <p>Grant applicants are required to complete an FY 2020 Fiscal and Administrative Risk Assessment in the form of an Internal Controls Questionnaire (ICQ) available through the GATA Web Portal and an FY 20 Programmatic Risk Assessment through the ISBE Web Application Security (IWAS) system. Grant awards will not be executed until the FY 2020 ICQ and Programmatic Risk Assessments are completed.</p>
Dun and Bradstreet Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number and System for Award Management (SAM):	<p>Each applicant (unless the applicant is an individual or federal or state awarding agency that is exempt from those requirements under 2 CFR §25.110(b) or (c), or has an exception approved by the federal or state awarding agency under 2 CFR §25.110(d)) is required to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) Be registered in SAM before submitting its application. If you are not registered in SAM, you may do so at https://www.sam.gov/SAM/(ii) Provide a valid DUNS number in its application https://fedgov.dnb.com/webform ; and(iii) Continue to maintain an active SAM registration with current information at all times during which it has an active federal, federal pass-through, or state award or an application or plan under consideration by a federal or state awarding agency. The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) may not consider an application for a federal

pass-through or state award to an applicant until the applicant has complied with all applicable DUNS and SAM requirements.

2 CFR Part 200 Requirements:

Code of Federal Regulations/title 2 - Grants and Agreements/Vol.1/2014-01-01192 guidance is found at:

www.govinfo.gov/app/collection/cfr/

GATA Requirements:

[Grant Accountability and Transparency Act \(GATA\) website](#)

[GATA Rules](#)

[GATA Legislation](#)

Merit-Based Review and Selection Process for Competitive Grants:

ISBE is required to design and execute a merit-based review and selection process for applications. This process is incorporated by reference in all applicable funding opportunities. The full text of the ISBE merit-based review policy can be found at the link below. Applicants are advised to refer to the policy document. [Merit-Based Review Policy](#)

Grant Award/Matching:

The FY 2020 state appropriation for this grant is \$5 million. Individual grants up to \$249,000 will be awarded on a competitive basis to eligible proposals. FY 2020 will be considered a planning year that leads to implementation in FY 2021. Grantee's previous year evaluation and success in meeting grant goals, and according to the following schedule:

Fiscal Year	Funding Percentage	District Match	Expectation	Timeframe
FY 20	100 %	0 %	Structured Planning	6 months
FY 21	100 %	0 %	Implementation	12 months
FY 22	67 %	33 %	Implementation and Planning for Sustainability	12 months
FY 23	33 %	67 %	Sustainability	12 months

Grant Period:

The grant period will begin no sooner than May 15, 2020, and will extend from the execution date of the grant until June 30, 2020. Successful applicants may reapply via continuing application for up to 3 additional year(s). Funding in the subsequent years will be contingent upon compliance with federal and state law, state grant-making rules, passage of sufficient appropriations for the program, and satisfactory performance in the preceding grant period. No promise or undertaking made in this NOFO/RFP is an assurance that a grant agreement will be renewed, nor does this NOFO/RFP create any right to or expectation of renewal.

Submission Date and Method:

All applications must be submitted electronically through the CTE Education Career Pathway RFP system found in the IWAS program listing.

Late proposals will not be eligible for consideration.

PROPOSALS MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY BY 4:00 P.M. ON MAY 22, 2020.

Grant Award Notice:

It is anticipated that successful applicants will receive a Notice of Award from the State Superintendent via email approximately 90 days after the application deadline. The award letter is NOT an authorization to begin performance or expenditures. After the merit based appeal timeframe has ended, awardees will receive additional information from the program area that includes the next steps for finalizing the grant. Monies spent prior to programmatic approval are done so at the applicant's own risk.

Technical Assistance Session:

A recorded webinar with application information will be posted on Friday, April 17, 2020. To listen to the webinar go to <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Career-Technical-Education.aspx>

Changes to NOFO/RFP:

ISBE will post any changes made to the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)/RFP prior to May 5, 2020, at the site linked below. Applicants are advised to check the site before submitting a proposal.

<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Request-for-Proposals.aspx>.

All questions asked concerning this NOFO/RFP will be responded to in a Frequently Asked Questions document found at <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Career-Technical-Education.aspx> so all respondents can see all questions and the responses to the questions. Changes to the FAQ will not be made after May 5, 2020. Applicants are advised to check the site before submitting a proposal.

[CTE Education Career Pathway RFP Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Agency Contact: For more information on this NOFO/RFP, contact Kristina Valentine at kvalenti@isbe.net

Funding Note: **Payment under this grant is subject to passage of a sufficient appropriation by the General Assembly for the program. Obligations of the State Board of Education will cease immediately without further obligation should the agency fail to receive sufficient funds (i.e., state, federal, or other) for this program.**

Rules: [23 Illinois Administrative Code; Subchapter g; Part 254 Vocational Education](#)

Expenditure Reports: Cumulative expenditure reports, submitted quarterly, and a final completion report are required.

Performance Reports: Performance reports are required as described in the Program-Specific Terms of the Grant.

Fiscal Information: [Requirements for Accounting, Budgeting, Financial Reporting, and Auditing](#)

[State and Federal Grant Administration Policy, Fiscal Requirements and Procedures](#)