Education Career Pathway Request for Proposals
Frequently Asked Questions

Please complete the survey at Intent to apply (CTRL+Click to follow the link) if you anticipate applying for the CTE Educator Pathway Grant.

These questions will be updated as we receive them until May 14, 2020.

1. How much are individual grant awards for each year?

Individual grant awards for fiscal year 2020 can be up to $249,000, awards for FY 2021 can be up to $249,000, awards for FY 2022 can be up to $166,830, and awards for FY 2023 can be up to $82,170. The total award is subject to availability of funds and will not to exceed $996,000 over the lifetime of the grant.

2. Who can teach the education courses in the Education Career Pathway?

A person must have a Professional Educator License with secondary education/senior high endorsement in order to teach in the Education Career Pathway.

3. Is the cost of graduate school tuition that a teacher pays to earn a master's degree and qualify to teach in the dual credit arrangement with a community college an allowable expense?

Yes. The tuition that a career and technical (CTE) teacher pays in pursuit of a master’s degree for the purpose of becoming eligible to teach a dual credit course is an allowable expense.

4. Can the funds be used to pay salary and benefits for an Education Pathways instructor at a high school or career center?

Yes. An instructor’s salary and benefits may be paid with these funds in order to expand or create a program. It is recommended that the salary and benefits be part of the matching funds in the grant as they become available to ensure sustainability.

5. When applying, especially on budget detail, is the budget detail just for FY 2020?

The budget detail is for FY 2020. If funding is continued, you will submit budgets each year for continuation. However, ALL activities, goals, and outcomes should be detailed in the application for the 3.5 years of the grant with a timeline. The budget for FY2020 should address all needs for the first year of the grant.

6. Are districts currently participating in the Scaling Education Pathways in Illinois (SEPI) grant/program eligible to apply for this grant?

Yes. Districts participating in SEPI may apply, if they are expanding their program. A district must apply through an eligible recipient: An administrative agency of a regional vocational systems forms 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 an program of vocational education.

7. **Can Area Career Centers apply?**

Career centers cannot apply on their own. They can be served by a grant submitted by an eligible applicant.

8. **Are we allowed to use the in-kind match as part of our indirect cost rate approved by the Department of Health and Human Services?**

No. None of the program funding can be used as a match for the funding. The match will need to come from outside of the program.

9. **How will funding be distributed and how is the match calculated?**

Distribution is based on the amount of the original budgeted funds, which is up to $249,000 for each year per school not to exceed $996,000 for the life of the grant. All of this is subject to availability of funds.

For example, if an applicant is awarded a full grant amount of $249,000, the match would look like:

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