

Perkins Reserve CTE Grant ***Texas Regional Pathways Network (Focus Area 1)***

Purpose of Program

Texas faces a significant challenge in helping students become career and college ready in ways that address both current and future workforce needs. Helping students to enter community colleges and universities and supporting them through the completion of certificates and degrees will help support social and economic mobility for all Texans. Key partnerships with institutions of higher education can be used to provide opportunities for students to acquire dual credit, industry-based certifications, and degrees in high-wage and in demand occupations in regional industry sectors.

Districts will make an effort to establish public/private partnerships, and increase the opportunities for paid internships, apprenticeships, and mentorships, especially focusing on jobs in information technology, manufacturing, health care, construction, transportation distribution and logistics, and other high-wage and in-demand fields.

It is anticipated that approximately 5 to 7 grants will be awarded by TEA in Focus Area 1 for amounts up to \$700,000 each.

Texas Regional Pathways Network (Focus Area 1)

The purpose of Texas Regional Pathways Network (Focus Area 1) is to assist regions with providing high quality college and career pathways that are aligned with regional workforce needs. Grants will be awarded to create at least one regionally aligned pathway in each of the LEAs applying within the grant. The grant will support the implementation of the Texas Regional Pathways Network key components:

- Alignment with high-wage, in-demand labor market information (greater than \$35,339 annual salary and greater than 17% annual growth for the state)
- Links between secondary and postsecondary with multiple entry and exit points
- Credentials and degrees with value in the labor market
- Integration of rigorous academics and career-focused learning
- Strong college and career advising and counseling supports
- Continuum of work-based learning experiences
- Cross-sector partnerships

Grant Requirements:

- Convening stakeholders required as a part of the grant and formation of Advisory Committee
- New activities to address in-demand industry sectors
- New local partnerships of community organization, institutions of higher education, and school districts to support CTE programs that align to in-demand industry sectors or occupations
- CTE programs that are strongly tied to economic development efforts in the state
- Development and acquisition of curriculum aligned to identified programs of study and/or aligned advanced academics course work

Allowable Funding for Grant:

- Equipment necessary for implementation of identified programs of study
- Instructional materials, equipment, and resources for the delivery of instruction
- Travel to TEA required and/or optional meetings related to the grant
- Expenses associated with labor and postsecondary data analyses

- Professional development for academic and CTE teachers to integrate academic and
- career and technical skills
- Materials promoting nontraditional fields
- Activities for training sponsors from business and industry
- Allowable travel expenses
- Career interest and aptitude assessment materials and scoring costs, if applicable
- Printing costs that are necessary and reasonable for performance of the grant award

Strategic Partnerships signing on to support this grant so far:

Tyler Junior College
 City of Mineola
 Mineola Economic Development Corporation
 East Texas Council of Governments
 CTE Mineola Foundation Inc.

Alba-Golden ISD
 Grand Saline
 Yantis ISD

Sanderson Farms
 Morton Salt
 Trinidad Benham
 Lone Star Cutting Solutions
 Chambers Electric

Future Considerations if grant is awarded:

- Location options for program
- Joint scheduling with other districts (MOUs)
- Additional pathway integrated into MHS
- Program set up expenses not covered by grant