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MEMORANDUM

TO: Prospective Applicants

FROM: Henry Mack, Chancellor Division of Career and Adult Education 

DATE: November 14, 2019

SUBJECT: **Information Regarding Florida's Phase Two *Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant***

Less than a month after taking office, Governor Ron DeSantis made clear his commitment to the future of workforce education with the issuance of [Executive Order 19-31](#). The Executive Order reinforced the fact that Florida requires a highly skilled workforce if the state is to remain competitive. It also outlined a bold policy and funding plan for the 2019 Legislative Session which included \$10 million in state funding to establish the *Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant*, as requested by the Governor.

We are excited to announce “Phase Two” of the *Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant*, with nearly \$3 million in funding for the establishment of new or expansion of existing registered apprenticeship or preapprenticeship programs. The grant is open to high schools, school district career centers, school district charter technical career centers, Florida College System institutions, and other entities authorized to sponsor an apprenticeship or preapprenticeship program. These state funds are authorized under the 2019 General Appropriations Act, Appropriation Number 125A.

The Request for Proposals (RFP) is posted online at www.fldoe.org/pathwaysgrant. The proposal submission deadline is January 17, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. (EDT).

Please pay close attention to the key dates listed below. Failure to comply with the stated deadlines may result in disqualification.

December 13, 2019: Eligible providers will have two chances to participate in a Department-hosted webinar to review proposal submission requirements on December 13 2019, 10:00 AM – Noon (EDT) and again at 2:00 – 4:00 PM (EDT). Please use the links below to register for the webinars. After registering, participants will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. To access the audio portion of the webinar, call 1-415-655-0060. When prompted, enter the attendee number 268-510-484.

- 10:00 AM session: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4688950202769924877>
- 2:00 PM session: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3531554785349792781>

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December 16, 2019: In order to qualify for review, eligible providers *must* submit a notice of intent to apply by December 16, 2019, to Judith.Taylor@fldoe.org. This notice should include the estimated number of proposals the eligible provider intends to submit. While submission of notice of intent to apply is mandatory, the actual number of proposals submitted may be adjusted.

January 17, 2020 at 5 p.m. EDT: All required documentation must be received by the Office of Grants Management in accordance with the specifications outlined in the RFP. Applications that are late, faxed or e-mailed will not be reviewed or scored.

Additional information regarding this funding opportunity is available at www.fldoe.org/pathwaysgrant. If you have any questions, please contact Judith Taylor at Judith.Taylor@fldoe.org or call 850-245-9043.

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