## Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant Program Competitive Grant FY 2020-2021 Questions and Answers

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**Question #1:** The grant application is for the period of July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021. Is this grant really for 6 months by the time applications are approved? What are the possibilities for extensions beyond June 2021?

**Answer #1:** As was the case with the 2019-20 Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant (PCOG), the Florida Legislature authorized a one-year extension. If the Florida Legislature authorizes an extension for the 2020-21 PCOG grant year, the awarded agencies will be notified via email.

**Question #2:** The Equipment form that is included in the application workbook only has 10 lines; however, we have 13 items that meet the criteria to be entered on this form. It does not allow me to add lines.

Answer #2: FDOE has uploaded a new Excel Application to the website listed here, Florida

Department of Education. If an applicant should need additional space beyond the twenty lines on the form, please email Charles.Feehrer@fldoe.org for assistance.

Question #3: What are the On-the-Job-Training (OJT) requirements for preapprenticeships?

**Answer #3:** Please refer to <u>FAC 6A-23.010</u> *Rule 2, part (d), subpart 2* for guidance related to the OJT component of the preapprentices.

**Question #4:** Since most education is now taking place online due to COVID-19, does the preapprentice or apprentice program have limitations related to online education?

**Answer #4:** The education component of the preapprenticeship or apprenticeship program is determined by the agency responsible for that part of the training.

**Question #5:** What will be the average size of awards?

**Answer #5:** There is no minimum or maximum amount that an applicant may apply for.

**Question #6:** Question #2 on the Excel Application indicates that "support letters ...are strongly encouraged as addenda." Where specifically are the letters to be added? Please advise where and how to add these letters.

**Answer #6:** Letters of Support can be saved with the "Word Document" submission.

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**Question #7:** Is there specific language we should include in commitment letters from employer partners?

**Answer #7:** Commitment letters should address compelling evidence of the workforce need in the region for the occupation(s) being trained by the project.

**Question #8:** How would you like us to document collaboration with local workforce development board/WIOA?

**Answer #8:** Document collaboration with a Local Workforce Development Board in written narrative on question # 1 of the Project Design, Implementation, and Sustainability tab on the Excel Application.

**Question #9**: Project goals/deliverables - Do project goals and corresponding deliverables need to be completed within grant period, i.e., by June 30, 2021? May we have a deliverable that is completed after grant period?

**Answer #9:** Deliverables and Expenditures must be within the performance and budget period listed in the Request for Proposal (RFP) July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2020. However, apprentices or pre-apprentices completions may carry over to future year, based on the program.

**Question #10:** How do I submit the DOE-610/DOE-620, General Assurance form, and the Application Checklist, because no naming conventions are provided? Do I number the excel tabs?

**Answer #10:** Submit all of the prescribed documents as part of the Word document PDF. No, the Excel tabs are not to be numbered.

**Question #11:** Under the Project and Program Information tab on the Excel application, it asks what regions and county the program will serve. How will statewide programs/associations address this questions? Can agencies make more than one selection per drop-down?

**Answer #11:** No, only make one choice per drop-down. If your agency offers a statewide program, choose the top three regions and/or counties in the drop-downs where the program will enroll new apprentices/preapprentices, then in the narrative sections within the application explain that your agency is statewide.