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MEMORANDUM

TO: Eligible Applicants

FROM: Dr. Eric Hall, Chancellor of Innovation 

DATE: August 13, 2019

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

Less than a month after taking office, Governor Ron DeSantis made clear his commitment to education with the issuance of [Executive Order 19-31](#). With this executive order, he reinforced the fact that Florida needs to prepare now for our economy's future needs and gave Commissioner of Education Richard Corcoran a series of directives, including bold policy and funding goals for the 2019 Legislative Session. This session was one of the most successful for education in Florida's history, and we are proud to have secured \$10 million in state funding to establish the *Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant*, as requested by Gov. Ron DeSantis.

The *Pathways to Career Opportunities 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, and they must be used to establish new, or expand existing registered apprenticeship or preapprenticeship programs.

The Request for Proposals (RFP) is posted online at www.fldoe.org/pathwaysgrant. The proposal submission deadline is September 30, 2019.

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

September 4, 2019: Eligible providers will have two chances to participate in a Department-hosted webinar to review proposal submission requirements on September 4, 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 1-888-585-9008. When prompted, enter conference room number 789017479 and #.

- 10:00 AM session: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1927672982554677003>
- 2:00 PM session: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1177256296597673995>

September 6, 2019: In order to qualify for review, eligible providers *must* submit a notice of intent to apply by September 6, 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.

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September 30, 2019 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 Judieth Taylor at Judieth.Taylor@fldoe.org or call 850-245-9043.

Thank you.