Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century, Advancing Career and Technical Education through Entrepreneurship Education and Training (EET) Grant

Competitive Grant FY 2020-2021 #1 Questions and Answers Posted October 9, 2020

Question #1:

Is an agency allowed to provide stipends to teachers and faculty to attend trainings where they will be trained in teaching CTE entrepreneurial mindsets and capabilities strategies and be trained as a train the trainer?

Answer #1:

Yes. A teacher stipend is an allowable cost under Perkins V.

Question #2:

Is an agency allowed to use funds for program materials, exploration, planning, and training with full program implementation set for the 2021-2022 school year?

Answer #2:

Yes. Page 3 of the RFP states the following: **Option Three - Medium Impact:** \$25,000 grant option must include: at least 1 initiatives/activities related to EET. Proposal is medium impact and focused on launching a foundational or exploratory EET-related initiative. A medium impact proposal may focus teacher training and planning for the integration of entrepreneurship competencies by identification of the programs targeted for integration, development of lesson plans and curriculum to be utilized, and piloting the lessons and curriculum.

Question #3:

Can funds be used to pay stipends for post-secondary students to mentor secondary students?

Answer #3:			

No.

Question #4:

Can micro-grants be awarded to students as a part of a pitch competition?

Answer #4:

No.

Question #5:

If an agency is considering providing PD for teachers within two different CTE programs, would this be considered one activity (medium impact) or two activities (medium to high impact)?

Answer #5:

As described, a project proposal focused solely on teacher professional development for entrepreneurship would be designated as Option Three - Medium Impact, irrespective of the number of CTE programs in which professional development activities are offered.

Question #6:

Can grant funds be used to cover student project materials for prototyping, product development, apps, or similar? If they can be used, can the students sell their products and or apps if they are produced with the same funds?

Answer #6:

Yes, grant funds may be used to purchase both instructional materials and consumables as well as other materials and supplies for student entrepreneurship projects (ie. prototyping materials, supplies to support product and application development) related to this project. Sales of products or apps that are developed with these federal funds would be considered program income and must return to the applicable CTE program and must adhere to the intellectual property laws outlined in the RFP.

Question #7:

Can funds be used to purchase uniforms and or polo shirts for crowd control, identification, and safety of students?

Answer #7:

No. This is not an allowable expenditure under Perkins V.

Question #8:

Can funds be used to provide student with lunch at a student event?

Answer #8:

No.

Question #9:

If funds have to be spent by June 30th there is no way to start a "new" program. Are these funds primarily for professional development and/or curriculum to supplement an existing program?

Answer #9:

The EET grant competitive offers three options/levels of funding, which allows the eligible agency the flexibility to select initiatives/activities that will align with their local needs and capacity to accomplish initiatives/activities by June 30, 2020.