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Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant Program Rule

Rule 6A-20.046, Florida Administrative Code

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- In January 2019, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 19-31, which included a directive to the Commissioner of Education to secure \$10 million for high quality workforce apprenticeships and other industry specific learning opportunities for students.
- Thanks to Governor DeSantis's bold vision, the Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant (PCOG) was established in 2019 as a funding source for Registered Apprenticeship and Preapprenticeship Programs.
- Over the past four program years, **\$45 million has been appropriated to develop and expand Registered Apprenticeship and Preapprenticeship programs.**
- PCOG has **increased the number of registered apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs in Florida** and provided more options for Floridians to **find alternative pathways to prosperity.**
- For the 2023-2024 program year, **\$20 million has been appropriated, \$5 million of which is allocated for the Grow Your Own Teacher Registered Apprenticeship Program.**

Rule Update – 6A-20.046, F.A.C.

- Conforming changes to align with SB 240 (2023).
 - Proposals will be prioritized to fund statewide or regional in-demand occupations.
 - Increases the flexibility by which the Commissioner may select proposals for funding.
 - Increases access by allowing institutions to utilize funding for instructional purposes.
 - Prohibits the award from being used for administrative costs.
 - Limits any individual applicant from receiving more than 10% of the total funds.



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