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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
Florida College System Presidents

FROM: Henry Mack, Chancellor, Division of Career and Adult Education
Kathy Hebda, Chancellor, Division of Florida Colleges

DATE: November 18, 2021

SUBJECT: **Award Amounts for the Open Door Grant Program**

DEADLINE: December 8, 2021

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) is in receipt of agency applications for the Open Door Grant Program, which the Florida Legislature established through House Bill 1507 (Chapter No. 2021-164, Laws of Florida). Funding for this program is through the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act, 2021, Pub. L. No. 116-260. The award period is July 1, 2021, through September 30, 2023.

Based on the first-come, first-serve criteria established in section (s.) 1009.895, Florida Statutes (F.S.) and Rule 6A-20.045, Florida Administrative Code, FDOE is pleased to fully fund all agency requests, totaling approximately \$4.3 million for 12 districts and \$6.3 million for 18 Florida College System (FCS) institutions. This includes prioritized funding for rural agencies and agencies operating integrated education and training programs.

In addition to fully funding initial agency requests on a first-come, first-serve basis, FDOE has identified a minimum base allocation for all eligible agencies, which includes school district postsecondary career centers under s. 1001.44, F.S., Florida College System institutions under s. 1000.21(3), F.S., and charter technical career centers under s. 1002.34, F.S. based on our estimation of institutional need. Attachments A and B show the total allocations—including an allocation for your institution.

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Prior to spending funds, agencies must submit a spending plan with a detailed budget; these documents will be due at a later date identified by the department. This special condition will be included in the award letters, which are anticipated to be disseminated by mid-December.

In order to receive the allocation, by December 8, 2021, your agency is required to submit the following documents to OpenDoor@fldoe.org:

1. DOE 100A, Project Application Form signed by the agency head or other authorized person. (Attachment C)
2. Assurances document signed by the agency head or other authorized person. (Attachment D)

To review this information, FDOE is hosting a webinar on Monday, November 29, 2021, at 2:00 PM ET. You may register for the webinar at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6111989844718910222>. A recording will be made available for those unable to attend.

If these documents are not received by this date, funds will be re-allocated to other agencies that demonstrate demand for the grant in accordance with Rule 6A-20.045, F.A.C., and will no longer be allocated to your agency. For questions, please contact Carrie Henderson at Carrie.Henderson@fldoe.org or Tara Goodman at Tara.Goodman@fldoe.org.

HM/KH/ch

Attachments

Cc: Carrie Henderson, Ph.D., Executive Vice Chancellor, Division of Florida Colleges
Tara Goodman, Vice Chancellor, Division of Career and Technical Education
District Technical College Directors

Attachment A: Open Door Grant Program Allocations - TAPS#22A187

Agency #	Agency Name	Agency Requested Approved Funding Amount	Minimum Base Amount	Total Allocation
062	Broward College	\$ 1,817,740	\$ 1,118,507	\$ 2,936,247
322	Chipola College		\$ 284,046	\$ 284,046
422	College of Central Florida		\$ 294,727	\$ 294,727
642	Daytona State College	\$ 143,230	\$ 366,825	\$ 510,055
052	Eastern Florida State College		\$ 347,465	\$ 347,465
212	Florida Gateway College	\$ 17,780	\$ 352,806	\$ 370,586
362	Florida SouthWestern State College		\$ 335,449	\$ 335,449
162	Florida State College at Jacksonville	\$ 224,573	\$ 1,254,024	\$ 1,478,597
032	Gulf Coast State College		\$ 293,392	\$ 293,392
122	Hillsborough Community College	\$ 450,220	\$ 495,665	\$ 945,885
562	Indian River State College	\$ 351,075	\$ 671,904	\$ 1,022,979
352	Lake-Sumter State College		\$ 262,684	\$ 262,684
132	Miami Dade College	\$ 621,764	\$ 1,061,764	\$ 1,683,528
402	North Florida College	\$ 1,175,087	\$ 273,365	\$ 1,448,452
462	Northwest Florida State College		\$ 302,070	\$ 302,070
502	Palm Beach State College	\$ 167,648	\$ 603,812	\$ 771,460
512	Pasco-Hernando State College		\$ 297,397	\$ 297,397
172	Pensacola State College	\$ 47,300	\$ 290,722	\$ 338,022
532	Polk State College	\$ 51,000	\$ 313,419	\$ 364,419
012	Santa Fe College	\$ 46,500	\$ 302,070	\$ 348,570
592	Seminole State College of Florida	\$ 100,000	\$ 608,484	\$ 708,484

Agency #	Agency Name	Agency Requested Approved Funding Amount	Minimum Base Amount	Total Allocation
282	South Florida State College		\$ 285,381	\$ 285,381
542	St. Johns River State College	\$ 6,000	\$ 304,073	\$ 310,073
522	St. Petersburg College	\$ 120,000	\$ 523,036	\$ 643,036
412	State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota	\$ 429,000	\$ 314,087	\$ 743,087
372	Tallahassee Community College		\$ 317,424	\$ 317,424
442	The College of the Florida Keys	\$ 431,394	\$ 281,376	\$ 712,770
482	Valencia College	\$ 124,000	\$ 1,519,716	\$ 1,643,716

Attachment B: Open Door Grant Program Allocations - TAPS#22A188

Agency #	Agency Name	Agency Requested Approved Funding Amount	Minimum Base Amount	Total Allocation
030	Bay		\$ 228,953	\$ 228,953
040	Bradford		\$ 192,513	\$ 192,513
060	Broward	\$ 518,474	\$ 1,018,479	\$ 1,536,953
080	Charlotte		\$ 216,806	\$ 216,806
090	Citrus		\$ 253,246	\$ 253,246
110	Collier	\$ 1,032,550	\$ 356,492	\$ 1,389,042
130	Miami-Dade		\$ 1,042,772	\$ 1,042,772
170	Escambia		\$ 307,905	\$ 307,905
180	Flagler	\$ 22,040	\$ 174,293	\$ 196,333
200	Gadsden	\$ 45,000	\$ 162,147	\$ 207,147
270	Hernando		\$ 168,220	\$ 168,220
290	Hillsborough	\$ 1,216,415	\$ 490,103	\$ 1,706,518
310	Indian River		\$ 174,293	\$ 174,293
350	Lake		\$ 356,492	\$ 356,492
360	Lee		\$ 459,737	\$ 459,737
370	Leon	\$ 201,490	\$ 411,151	\$ 612,641
410	Manatee		\$ 423,298	\$ 423,298
420	Marion	\$ 82,500	\$ 277,539	\$ 360,039
460	Okaloosa		\$ 259,319	\$ 259,319
480	Orange	\$ 35,591	\$ 593,349	\$ 628,940
490	Osceola	\$ 208,212	\$ 259,319	\$ 467,531
510	Pasco		\$ 198,586	\$ 198,586
520	Pinellas		\$ 605,496	\$ 605,496
530	Polk		\$ 386,858	\$ 386,858
550	St. Johns		\$ 289,685	\$ 289,685
570	Santa Rosa		\$ 198,586	\$ 198,586
580	Sarasota		\$ 356,492	\$ 356,492
610	Suwannee	\$ 337,472	\$ 216,806	\$ 554,278
620	Taylor	\$ 521,016	\$ 192,513	\$ 713,529
660	Walton		\$ 204,660	\$ 204,660
670	Washington	\$ 55,960	\$ 247,172	\$ 303,132

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROJECT APPLICATION

Please return to: Florida Department of Education Office of Grants Management Email Address: opendoor@fldoe.org	A) Program Name: Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act, 2021, Pub. L. No. 116-260, Open Door Grant Program TAPS NUMBER: TAPS#22A187 (Florida College System institutions) TAPS#22A188 (Career Centers)	DOE USE ONLY Date Received
B) Name and Address of Eligible Applicant: 		Project Number (DOE Assigned)
c) Total Funds Requested: \$ _____	D) Applicant Contact & Business Information	
<hr style="border: 1px solid black;"/> DOE USE ONLY Total Approved Project: \$ _____	Contact Name: _____	Telephone Numbers: _____
	Mailing Address: _____	E-mail Addresses: _____
	Physical/Facility Address: _____	DUNS number: _____
CERTIFICATION <p>I, _____, <i>(Please Type Name)</i> as the official who is authorized to legally bind the agency/organization, do hereby certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that all the information and attachments submitted in this application are true, complete and accurate, for the purposes, and objectives, set forth in the RFA or RFP and are consistent with the statement of general assurances and specific programmatic assurances for this project. I am aware that any false, fictitious or fraudulent information or the omission of any material fact may subject me to criminal, or administrative penalties for the false statement, false claims or otherwise. Furthermore, all applicable statutes, regulations, and procedures; administrative and programmatic requirements; and procedures for fiscal control and maintenance of records will be implemented to ensure proper accountability for the expenditure of funds on this project. All records necessary to substantiate these requirements will be available for review by appropriate state and federal staff. I further certify that all expenditures will be obligated on or after the effective date and prior to the termination date of the project. Disbursements will be reported only as appropriate to this project, and will not be used for matching funds on this or any special project, where prohibited.</p> <p>Further, I understand that it is the responsibility of the agency head to obtain from its governing body the authorization for the submission of this application.</p>		

E) _____

Signature of Agency Head
 Title

Date

Instructions for Completion of DOE 100A

- A.** If not pre-populated, enter name and TAPS number of the program for which funds are requested.
- B.** Enter name and mailing address of eligible applicant. The applicant is the public or non-public entity receiving funds to carry out the purpose of the project.
- C.** Enter the total amount of funds requested for this project.
- D.** Enter requested information for the applicant's program and fiscal contact person(s). These individuals are the people responsible for responding to all questions, programmatic or budgetary regarding information included in this application. The Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS), or unique agency identifier number, requirements are explained on page A-2 of the Green Book. The Applicant name must match the name associated with their DUNS registration. The Physical/Facility address and Federal Employer Identification Number/Tax Identification Number (FEIN/FEID or TIN) (also known as) Employer Identification Number (EIN) are collected for department reporting.
- E. The original signature of the appropriate agency head is required.** The agency head is the school district superintendent, university or community college president, state agency commissioner or secretary, or the chairperson of the Board for other eligible applicants.
- **Note: Applications signed by officials other than the appropriate agency head identified above must have a letter signed by the agency head, or documentation citing action of the governing body delegating authority to the person to sign on behalf of said official. Attach the letter or documentation to the DOE 100A when the application is submitted.**

PROGRAMMATIC, FISCAL, AND REPORTING ASSURANCES

In order to request funding, Local Educational Agency Chief Executive Officer, or his/her authorized representative or the Florida College System president, or his/her authorized representative, agrees to the following assurances:

Assurance 1: The agency will focus on participants who meet all eligibility criteria in Rule 6A-20.045(3), F.A.C.

Assurance 2: The agency will only spend funds on allowable expenses which include the cost of tuition, fees, examination, books and materials under s. 1009.895(1)(a), F.S.

Assurance 3: The agency will only award funds to students in eligible programs under the Master Credentials List under Section 445.004(4), F.S. The agency will notify the department through quarterly reports of any programs that become eligible for Open Door that were added after the initial application.

Assurance 4: The agency may request additional funds should they determine that their actual demand exceeds the initial amount reported on their original application. Such requests will be processed in the order they are received if funds are available, so long as the institution does not receive more than 25 percent of the total appropriation.

Assurance 5: The agency acknowledges that the U.S. Department of Education generally does not consider the following to be an allowable use of GEER II funds: 1) subsidizing or offsetting executive salaries and benefits of individuals who are not employees of the SEA or agencies or 2) expenditures related to state or local teacher or faculty unions or associations.

Assurance 6: The agency and any other entity that receives GEER II funds through the subgrant awarded hereunder will, to the greatest extent practicable, continue to compensate its employees and contractors during the period of any disruptions or closures related to COVID-19 in compliance with Section 315 of the CRRSA Act.

Assurance 7: The agency will comply with all reporting requirements, and submit required reports to the Florida Department of Education at such time and in such manner and containing such information as the department may subsequently require.

Assurance 8: The agency will cooperate with any examination of records with respect to such funds by making records available for inspection, production, and examination, and authorized individuals available for interview and examination, upon the request of (i) the Florida Department of Education, the Florida Auditor General; (ii) the U.S. Department of Education and/or its Inspector General; or (iii) any other federal or state agency, commission, or department in the lawful exercise of its jurisdiction and authority."

Assurance 9: The agency will submit a spending plan with a detailed budget at a later date.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

By signing my name and date in the fields below, I hereby certify that the Florida College System institution or district agency head, or designated representative, agrees to all Assurances, and will abide by all federal, state and local laws.

Name

Date

Agency