

Statewide Email

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FROM: Henry Mack, Chancellor, Division of Career and Adult Education

TO: District Career and Technical Education Directors
District Technical College Directors
District Adult Education Directors
Florida College System Workforce Administrators

Via: Chancellor2@fldoe.org

SUBJECT: NOTICE: Now Accepting Applications for the Open Door Grant Program

Colleagues,

On September 15th, the Department of Education announced the release of the application for the Open Door Grant Program. Established through House Bill 1507, Chapter No. 2021-164, Laws of Florida, the Open Door Grant Program provides \$35 million in appropriations, with \$20 million appropriated for Florida College System institutions and \$15 million for district postsecondary technical colleges/career centers. Please see the enclosed memorandum and supporting FAQ document.

Application materials are now available at [Career and Adult Education Funding Opportunities](#).

The first review date will be **October 15, 2021**. Applications will continue to be accepted until November 1, 2021, or until all appropriated funds are awarded, whichever comes first.

To assist institutions in the application process, the department is hosting a webinar **today, Monday, September 27, 2021 at 1PM**. To participate, please register at <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1967378563358915085>.

Please email opendoor@fldoe.org to submit questions about the program.

As a reminder, additional funding opportunities are available through the “Get There Faster” grants, administered by our partners at CareerSource Florida. While these monies are made available to local workforce boards, we encourage you to develop collaborative project proposals designed to strengthen our workforce education and training system. Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. EDT, October 4, 2021. For more information, please visit <https://careersourceflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/CSF-Get-There-Faster-Grants.pdf>.

We urge you to review both funding opportunities as you consider workforce initiatives aimed at closing achievement gaps, promoting self-sufficiency, and encouraging life-long learning and degree attainment.

Best,

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