

Statewide Email

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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: Second Round of Funding - Registered Apprenticeship Programs Seeking Federal Apprenticeship State Expansion (ASE) Grant Dollars

Colleagues:

Through a partnership with the Florida Association for Career and Technical Education (FACTE) and CareerSource Florida, the Florida Department of Education is pleased to announce a second round of applications for Registered Apprenticeship Programs seeking federal Apprenticeship State Expansion (ASE) Grant funds. We are pleased to inform you that grant information is now posted on the [Apprentice Florida](#) website.

These federal ASE Grant funds aim to expand existing registered apprenticeship programs, supporting Florida's goal to become number one in workforce education by 2030. The ASE Grant supports two mini-grant initiatives: Mini-Grant #1 "Program Grant" and Mini-Grant #2 "Participant Support Grant". Key dates applicable to both funding opportunities include the following:

- Grant Performance Period: Date of award through June 30, 2022.
- RFP Deadline is October 7, 2021.

Key Grant Information

Mini-Grant #1 Program Grant:

- Awards: up to \$30,000. Registered Apprenticeship Programs (RAPs) receiving round 1 funding may apply for up to \$10,000 in round 2.
- Grant Scope: Capacity building and outreach to underrepresented populations.
- Eligibility Criteria:
 - Florida RAPs registered or expanded into a new occupation on or after July 1, 2019; and

- Actively training one or more apprentice(s) no later than 90 days after award letter.

Mini-Grant #2 Participant Support Grant:

- Awards based on project need in support of eligible apprentices in the areas of: Related Technical Instruction, On-the-Job Training/Learning and/or Support Services.
- Grant Scope: Funding provided to RAPs to remove barriers current active apprentices may face to persist and complete their program.
- Eligibility Criteria:
 - Florida RAPs with active apprentices with program start date on or after July 1, 2019.
 - RAPs receiving funding in round 1 may apply for support for additional apprentices who meet eligibility criteria.
 - Apprentices eligible for grant-funded support identified through the application process. RAPs must consider how close each apprentice is to completing their program when applying for support funds.

Upcoming Webinar Information

Program Grant Informational Webinar September 14, 2021; 10:00 am EDT
Participant Support Informational Webinar September 16, 2021; 2:00 pm EDT
Partner Support & Resources Webinar September 20, 2021; 10:00 am EDT

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions about joining the webinar.

For additional information about this grant opportunity, please review the information on the [Apprentice Florida](#) website or email your questions to: ASEGrant1@FACTE.org. To ensure that all eligible applicants have access to the questions and answers, this information will be made available on the Apprentice Florida website. All questions must be submitted by September 22, 2021.

Thank you,

Henry

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