



MINNESOTA STATE
Career and Technical Education

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Services to Corrections & Disabilities

Perkins Federal Grant Overview FY2020

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Overview Agenda

- Federal Grant Overview
- Past Recipients Showcase
- Timeline Review
- Q&A



Perkins Act 2018

To support institutions serving youth or adults:

- involved in or transitioning out of correctional facilities
- organizations serving offenders/ex-offenders
- institutions/organizations serving individuals with disabilities



Purpose of Grant

- Improve skills and increase career opportunities toward economic stability
- Provides career and education services or activities that prepare for training or employment



Funding

- Up to \$50,000 is available, **typically \$5,000 to \$25,000**
- Matching or leveraged funds are not required but highly encouraged
- **Should NOT supplant**
- Funding requests for projects to support nontraditional careers are welcome



Eligibility

- Includes community corrections that serve adults or youth who are incarcerated or have transitioned out of incarceration;
- Community organizations that provide direct services
- Providers of direct services to youth or adults with disabilities
- Does NOT include secondary or postsecondary institutions



Considerations

- Address gaps in services or programming
- Education-Community-Employer partnerships
- Systemic impact and alignment
- Increases access and opportunity for success



Required Program Emphasis

Key Areas:

- Work Readiness Training/Work Experience
- Training and job placement
- Career Exploration and Career Guidance
- Transitional Services



Where are the Gaps?

- Intersection of multiple barriers with unmet needs
- Intensive follow up for retention and support services)?
- Can the data help identify critical needs?
- Use of technology to reach needs; training
- Are there communities not being reached?



Budget Limitations

- Project management: A **maximum of 5%** can be allocated to salaries and benefits.
- Administrative fees for grant funds management: **NOT** permitted by Perkins legislation (Sec. 124(d)).
- Equipment and Facilities: Funds may **NOT** be used for equipment purchases, indirect costs, or overhead expenses.
- Uses of Funds Guidelines



Examples of Uses of Funds

Permissible Uses

- Contracted Services
- Direct training or materials for training

Unallowable Uses

- Fees or fines (unrelated to training program)
- Uniforms or other occupational requirements (e.g. supplies)
- Incentives (e.g. prizes, items for recognition, etc.)



Timeline

- Submissions: **May 20, 2019 by 5 PM**
- Proposal Pre-Check: **May 21-23rd**
- Proposal Reviews: **May 24th – June 20th**
- Initial Grant Notifications: **Late July 2019**
 - Grant term: approx. **Sept. 2019 – June 30, 2020**
- Contracts: **August - September 2019**



Past Recipients

- State Academy for Deaf and Hearing Impaired
- State Agencies for Corrections
- Workforce Centers
- Goodwill Easter Seals
- Employers supporting disability employment programs



Project Examples

- Career portfolio development by autistic youth
- Job Skills 101; job interview training
- Development online career guidance tools for adults with disabilities;
- Career preparation curriculum and online tutorial
- Job sampling for youth offenders transition program
- Career navigation
- Career training with coordination of articulated credits



Q&A

- Can Minnesota State institutions or schools apply?
 - Not eligible
- Can we serve youth or adults who had previously been incarcerated?
 - Yes, but within three years of transitioning out of incarceration or justice-involved
- Does the grant serve those with disabilities OR corrections?
 - Yes, either populations



Q&A

- Can this grant serve a combination of non-corrections and ex-offenders?
 - Case-by-case: Challenges accountability and focus for those eligible for direct services under this grant.

Examples of non-funded :

- a. Supplanting/overlap services under Title I or other funding
- b. “Packaged” program or curriculum from vendors
- c. Programs/Services targeting specific needs related to populations served through this grant



Q&A

- Does this grant only fund MN Dept of Ed endorsed CTE/Work-based Learning programs?
 - No, proposed programs do not have to be MDE approved
- Must I have a postsecondary partner?
 - No; collaboration with external partners *is* encouraged
- Can funding be used to maintain an existing program?
 - Funding cannot supplant previous funds used to support programs of services; new and expanding services or populations are the intent



Contact Us with Questions



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