



# Innovations in CTE Grant

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**COLORADO**  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

# Innovations in CTE Grant

- Approximately \$2M Total in Awards
- Grant Awards of up to \$250,000 per Project
- Competitive Application Process
- Award Period for FY25 is July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

# Purpose of Innovations Grant

- Foster innovations in CTE that:
  - Align to Colorado CTE Strategic Plan
  - Align to Regional Needs Assessment
- Address gaps in service or performance for CTE learners
- Better distribute federal Perkins 'Reserve' dollars to deserving applicants

# Background

- Perkins V passed in 2018
  - Effective July 1, 2020
- Focus in legislation on innovation
- 'Reserve' funds provide flexibility to ensure more equitable resource distribution

# FY21 Grants

Grant Recipient	Project Name	Award Amount
Sargent School District	Sargent High School Aviation Program	\$23,100
Julesburg RE-1	Agriculture Education Program Enhancement (Julesburg)	\$58,433
Haxtun School District	Haxtun High School Innovation Store	\$81,057
Colorado Mountain College	High Mountain High School to Higher Ed Pathway through eSports	\$90,015
Jeffco Public Schools	Jeffco Schools Pathways in Education	\$109,547
Community College of Denver	Veterinary Technology Work-Based Learning Model	\$169,480
San Juan BOCES	Preparing Tomorrows Equipment Technicians	\$172,000
Westminster Public Schools	Westminster IIS Farm to Food Truck Entrepreneurship Experience	\$174,007
Emily Griffith Technical College	CTE Teaching Excellence Pilot	\$204,777
Northeastern Junior College	Rural CTE Curriculum Transformation for the Workforce of Tomorrow	\$208,910
Pueblo Community College	Virtual Health Care Simulation Studio	\$248,015
Lamar Community College	Southeast Colorado Virtual Anatomy Lab	\$248,595

# FY23 Grants

Grant Recipient	Project Name	Amount Awarded
Arickaree School District	Animal Systems Pathway Livestock	\$ 68,000.00
Aurora Public School	Expanding Opportunities in Health Pathway Careers for Underserved Students	\$ 246,100.00
Bayfield	Wolverines at Work	\$ 100,000.00
Colorado Mountain College	P-20 Pathways to EMS and Fire Science	\$ 250,000.00
Douglas County School District	Operation: CTE Certification Success	\$ 153,200.00
East Central BOCES	Rural Colorado Codes	\$ 214,000.00
Jefferson County	Auto Tech for Electric Vehicles	\$ 138,500.00
Lamar Community College	Info Tech Innovation Lab	\$ 250,000.00
Mesa 51 School District	FMHS Project Bike Tech	\$ 72,500.00
Pickens Technical College	Serving Nontraditional Learners through professional development	\$ 37,500.00
Pueblo Community College	Continuation	\$ 67,517.00
Pueblo Community College	STEM Applications in Manufacturing	\$ 248,325.00

# FY24 Grants

Grant Recipient	Project Name	Amount Awarded
Bennett 29J	Bennett and Greater Colorado Wildfire Training	\$ 120,000.00
Colorado Springs 11	The D11 Food Truck Workforce Accelerator	\$ 111,000.00
Delta County 50J	Animal Science - HS through College	\$ 250,000.00
Idalia	Idalia Wolves School Based Enterprise	\$ 80,000.00
Jeffco Continuation of FY23	Continuation of FY23 Grant	\$ 138,500.00
Jefferson County Schools	Patient Care Technician Initiative	\$ 235,000.00
Lewis Palmer School District	D38 Enterprise	\$ 250,000.00
Lone Star	Animal Systems Pathway - Expansion of Meat Processing Training and Certification	\$ 211,000.00
Montrose	Building Horizons - Expansion of Construction Trades	\$ 209,000.00
Morgan CC	Introduction to Mechatronics	\$ 230,000.00
Westminster	Ranum Reimagined	\$ 250,000.00
		\$ 2,084,500.00

# CTE Strategic Goals

## GOAL 1

**Career Advisement & Development** – Ensure each Colorado Learner has access to ongoing career advisement and development.

## GOAL 2

**Instructor Recruitment & Retention** – Develop and ensure a viable pipeline of CTE instructors to fill the educator positions at the middle school, secondary, and postsecondary levels.

## GOAL 3

**Partnerships** – Prepare Colorado's future workforce through transformational partnerships.

## GOAL 4

**Quality Programs** – Elevate the quality of CTE programs to support each learner's skill development and meet industry needs.

## GOAL 5

**Work-Based Learning** – Ensure access to meaningful work-based learning opportunities for each CTE learner.

## FOUNDATIONAL ELEMENTS

### EQUITY & ACCESS

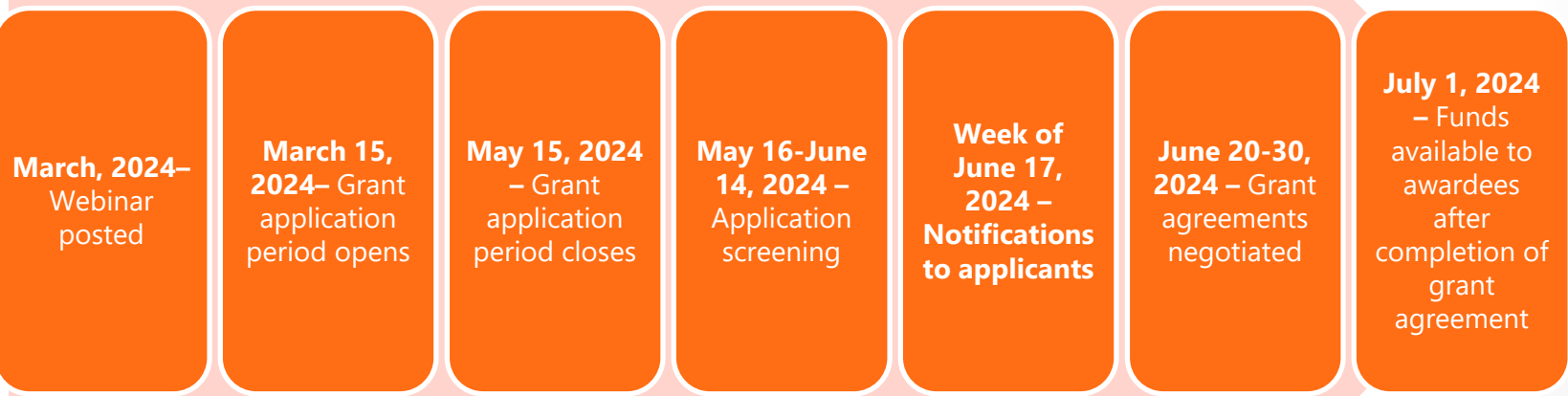
Create opportunities for each learner to access quality CTE programs and distribution of CTE programs throughout the state.

### INCLUSIVITY

Provide each learner with the opportunity to participate in a CTE program and decrease the gaps of CTE participation for target populations, non-traditional occupations, and geographic areas.



# Timeline



# Eligibility Requirements

- FY25 Perkins formula grant participant
- Each educational entity must meet at least one of the following criteria:
  - Rural
  - High CTE % (15% minimum)
  - High # CTE Students (1,000+)
  - Application addresses performance deficiency

# So...who can apply?

- Secondary/Postsecondary Education partners
- Consortia
- Secondary Districts
- Postsecondary Entities

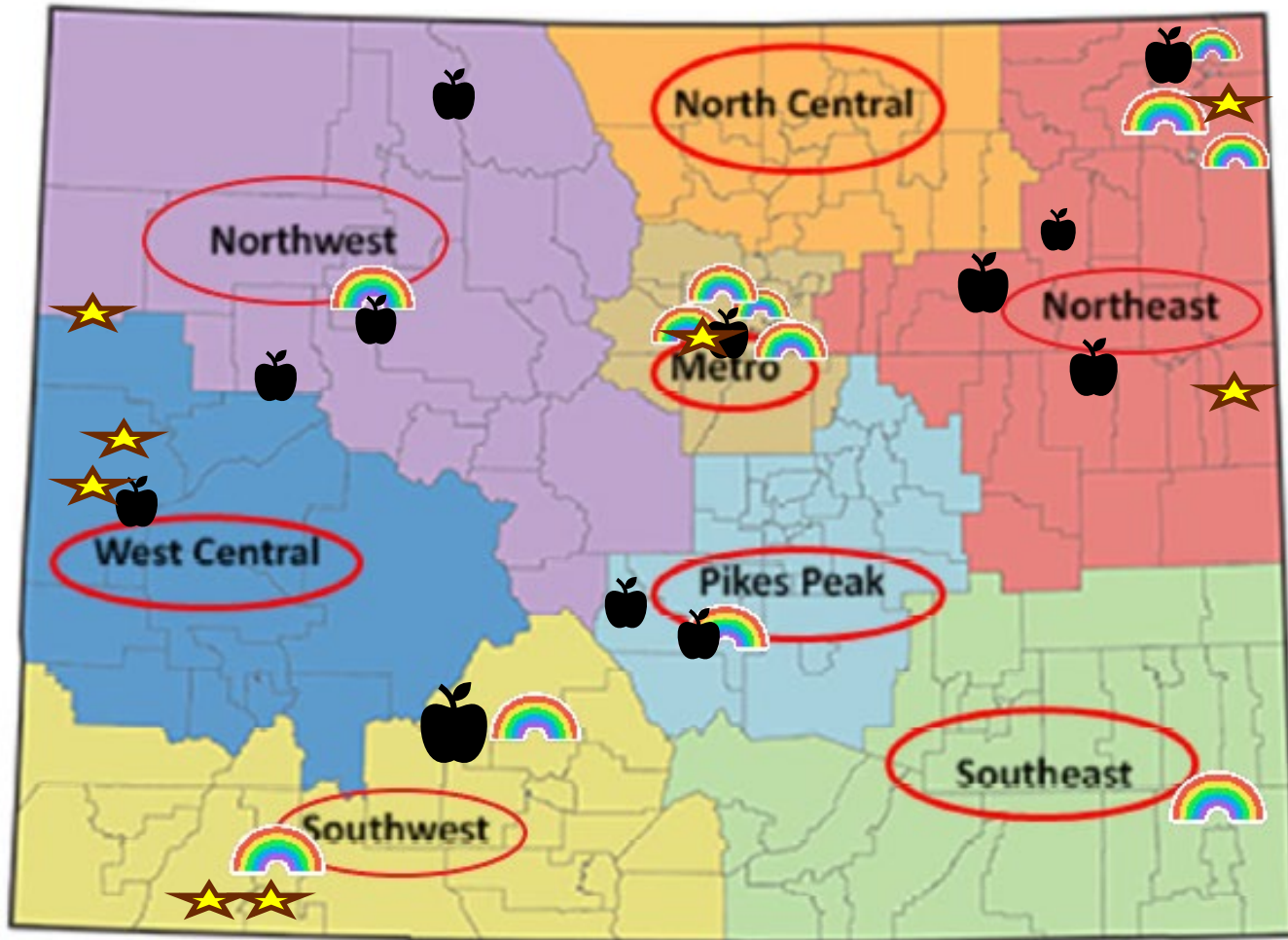
# Grant Criteria

- Address minimum of 2 CTE Goals
- Demonstrate partnership
- Preference for rural collaborations, geographic distribution, alignment to needs assessment and CTE vision, equity strategies
- \$250,000 maximum proposal
- One project per application
- Reimbursement based grant

# Bonus Points!

- For FY25, Colorado CTE is particularly interested in seeing proposals related to the following *in addition to* the criteria noted on the previous slide:
  - Projects that address equity gaps
  - Projects that support nontraditional students and programs
  - Feasibility studies for future projects

# Visual Representation of Geographic Distribution of Projects



# Grant Application Format

- 8 page max
  - Project name
  - Project lead
  - Fiscal agent
  - Project partners
  - Eligibility
  - Project description
- Data
- Success
- Scaling
- Creating buy-in
- Reporting
- Budget
- Timeline
- Assessment

# Additional Attachments

- Letters of support from each partner for the project and the partnership
- Detailed budget in Excel



# Budget Worksheet

Innovations in CTE Grant Budget			
Expense Type	Description of Planned Expense	Amount Requested from Grant	Matching or In-Kind Amount
Add rows as needed so that detailed budget can be provided (i.e. only one piece of equipment per line). It is not expected that every grant will include expenses in each of the below categories.	Detail for description should be sufficient for grant evaluator(s) to understand the full scope of the expenses planned (i.e. quantity and type of supplies, professional development activities planned, services needed from consultants, etc.)		This is not a requirement, but could help demonstrate additional investment/partnership
Professional Development		\$ -	\$ -
In-state Travel		\$ -	\$ -
Out-of-state Travel		\$ -	\$ -
Supplies		\$ -	\$ -
Consultants		\$ -	\$ -
Equipment		\$ -	\$ -
Training		\$ -	\$ -
Misc. Expenses		\$ -	\$ -
CACTE Expenses (registration, travel)		\$ -	\$ -
Other		\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Requested from Grant</b>		\$ -	
<b>Total In-Kind Amount</b>			\$ -
Grant Administration - Indirect Cost Rate maximum of 5% (normal federal rules apply including that equipment is not included in the calculation)		\$ -	
<b>Total Grant Amount Requested (may not exceed \$250,000):</b>		\$ -	

# Submission Instructions

- Completed applications must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time on May 15, 2024
- Subject line should include your entity's name and "Innovations in CTE Grant FY2025"
- E-mail [cte@cccs.edu](mailto:cte@cccs.edu)
- **Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted**

# What Comes Next?

- Evaluation panel
- Negotiation of grant budget and grant agreement
- Sign-off of grant agreement
- Project implementation

Note that this grant process is accounted for, managed, and tracked separately from Perkins formula grant

# Common Questions Asked

- Are all projects selected fully funded?
- Can I apply more than one year in a row and be funded?
- What about middle school CTE – can it be included in these grants?
- Are there things that aren't allowable?
- What do you mean by geographic distribution?
- Do I have to apply with my consortium?



**Links to Presentation, Call for Proposals, & Budget Worksheet**

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