

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION



TO: Superintendents of Schools

FROM: Dr. Dianna R. Wentze

Commissioner of Education

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SUBJECT: Competitive Secondary Perkins Supplemental Enhancement Grants

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is offering a competitive grant opportunity to eligible districts.

The Perkins IV legislation allows states to distribute a portion of the local funds (legislative reference P.L. 109-270 Sec. 112) to achieve an equitable balance of funding in the state. The Secondary Supplemental Enhancement grant opportunity has been created to balance the needs of schools and districts statewide through supplemental Perkins IV funding. This is a competitive grant. Only those districts having received Perkins funds during the 2016-17 school year may apply for the Secondary Supplemental Enhancement Grant. Additional specific eligibility restrictions are highlighted in the Secondary Supplemental Enhancement Grant application accessed on the CSDE's Request for Proposals site.

Proposals, irrespective of means of transmittal or postmark date, must be received by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, August 7, 2017. Grants will be awarded on or after August 21, 2017. All funds must be expended or obligated by September 30, 2017, and liquidated by November 30, 2017. There are no exceptions or waivers to this requirement.

This funding source should assist in the advancement of goals established by the Connecticut State Board of Education (CSBE) and Perkins IV legislation for Career and Technical Education (CTE) students by offering an opportunity for program development.

Any questions regarding the Secondary Enhancement Grants may be directed to Harold Mackin at <u>Harold.mackin@ct.gov</u> or by telephone at (860) 713-6779.

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