Statewide Email

DATE: April 22, 2021

FROM: Henry Mack, Chancellor, Career and Adult Education

- **TO:** District Career and Technical Education Directors District Technical College Directors Florida College System Workforce Administrators
- Via: Chancellor2@fldoe.org

SUBJECT: FW: ADDITIONAL GRANT OPPORTUNITY- Apprenticeship State Expansion Funding

Just FYI. You may or may not be working with apprentices that meet these criteria.

Best,

Henry

From: Chancellor, Career and Adult Ed. <<u>Chancellor2@fldoe.org</u>>
Sent: Thursday, April 22, 2021 11:38 AM
Subject: ADDITIONAL GRANT OPPORTUNITY: Apprenticeship State Expansion Funding

Colleagues:

Through our continued partnership with the Florida Association for Career and Technical Education (FACTE) and CareerSource Florida, the Florida Department of Education is pleased to build upon the momentum of apprenticeship growth in Florida, with the announcement of a second initiative supported by the federally funded **Apprenticeship State Expansion (ASE) Grant.** We are pleased to inform you that grant information is now posted on the <u>Apprentice Florida</u> website.

These federal ASE funds, in conjunction with our recently awarded Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant Program, aim to expand existing registered apprenticeship programs. The grant funds support our goal to become number one in workforce education by 2030.

The ASE Grant supports two mini-grant initiatives: 1) the previously announced "Program Grant" and 2) with this announcement, the addition of the ASE "Participant Support Grant". The "Participant Support Grant" consists of \$700,000 in funding to support 1000 apprentices. Individual awards up to \$700 to Registered Apprenticeship Programs in support of eligible apprentices.

- Programs must have active apprentices who are fully registered with the Florida Department of Education or after July 1, 2019.
- At the time of the application, the apprentices must have completed their probationary period or 90 days in the program, whichever is less.
- The registration date of the program is not an eligibility factor for this funding.
- There is no limit on how many \$700 awards a program may apply for.

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- All application materials are posted on the <u>Apprentice Florida</u> website.
- April 28, 2021 <u>ASE Participant Support Grant Application Overview and</u> <u>Requirements Webinar Registration</u>
- April 30, 2021 ASE Participant Support Grant Partners and Resources Webinar Registration
- May 13, 2021 deadline for eligible registered apprenticeship programs to submit a request for proposal.

Interested parties are invited to register for the following webinars at the links below:

| Participant Support Grant Application | April 28, 2021 |
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| Overview and Requirements Webinar | 2:00 pm EDT |
| Participant Support Grant Partners and | April 30, 2021 |
| <u>Resources Webinar</u> | 2:00 pm 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 contact Robin Queen by email at <u>ASEGrant2@FACTE.org</u> or by phone at 850-245-9076.

To ensure that all eligible applicants have access to the questions and answers, this information will be posted. The last date that questions will be answered is May 4, 2021. Answers to frequently asked questions will be posted to the <u>Apprentice Florida</u> website.

A second round of funding will be released for both mini-grant initiatives in the 2021-2022 fiscal year with an anticipated announcement in late summer, 2021.

Thank you,

Henry

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