

Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant (PCOG) Program
Competitive Grant Year 2021-22
Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

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A mandatory Notice of Intent to Apply must be submitted by August 26, 2021

Question #1: Can nationally registered apprenticeship programs link their preapprenticeship program to their national apprenticeship program?

Answer #1: Yes, nationally registered apprenticeship programs (registered with the United States Department of Labor) operating in the State of Florida and registered with the Florida Department of Education for reciprocity purposes may link their preapprenticeship program to their national apprenticeship program.

Question #2: Can preapprenticeship/apprenticeship programs apply together or do they have to apply separately?

Answer #2: Each preapprenticeship and apprenticeship program must apply separately.

- *Specific Funding Requirements (Page 2, Word Document RFP)*
 - **NEW PROGRAM:** Creation of a new program is evidenced by the submission of a program (plan) containing all the terms and conditions of the training to be submitted within the Standards of Apprenticeship or Preapprenticeship (administration documents) to FDOE to be considered for registration, per [F.S., 446.021\(5-6\)](#) and [FAC, 6A-23.002\(5\)\(24\)\(27\)](#) – [FAC 6A-23.010\(2\)\(d\)](#).
 - **EXPANSION PROGRAM:** Expansion of an existing program is evidenced by an Apprenticeship Certificate of Registration which is issued by the Florida Department of Education that would contain a unique registration number provided by the United States Department of Labor (USDOL) or Preapprenticeship Certificate of Registration which would contain a unique registration number provided and issued by the FDOE per [F.S., 446.021\(5-6\)](#) and [FAC, 6A-23.002\(5\)\(24\)\(27\)](#) – [FAC 6A-23.010\(2\)\(d\)](#).

Question #3: Should the eligible agency include two separate letters of intent for two different grant submissions?

Answer #3: No, the eligible agency must indicate on the Notice of Intent-to-Apply how many applications they will submit.

Specific Funding Requirements (Page 3, Word Document RFP)

- A **MANDATORY** notice of intent-to-apply is required for each grant proposal to be considered and must be submitted to FDOE by August 3, 2021. The link to submit your agency's **MANDATORY** Intent to Apply form for the 2021-22 PCOG is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com>

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Question #4: What is the maximum dollar amount that can be requested per application or per applicant?

Answer #4: There is no maximum amount per application.

Question #5: Are instructor costs allowable?

Answer #5: Yes, the Florida Legislature has authorized grant funds to be used for instructional personnel for the 2021-22 grant year.

Question #6: If we include a job experience component to our registered pre-apprenticeship program can we pay them out of the grant, or is the employer required to pay the wage for the pre-apprentice student?

Answer #6: Wages are paid by the employer. Wages are not an allowable expense for this grant.

Question #7: Is it advisable for an agency to support more than one submission from a partner?

Answer #7: The Request for Proposals (RFP) does not restrict eligible applicants from supporting multiple submissions from a partner.

Question #8: What is an "Other Authorized Entity?"

Answer #8: "Other Authorized Entity" is defined in [446.011-446.71, Florida Statutes](#). The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) cannot define this category further.

Question #9: When is the application due?

Answer #9: The RFP states the Pathways to Career Opportunities grant application is due by 5PM EDT Thursday, August 26, 2021.

Question #10: Why does equipment under \$5,000 need to be reported on the Projected Equipment Purchases Form, my school district does not require this?

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Answer #10: In an effort to monitor and track all high dollar equipment purchased with PCOG funds, the Florida Department of Education has made the reporting threshold for single items greater than \$1,000 and/or greater than \$3,000 combined, mandatory to participate in the PCOG competitive grant process.