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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** School District Superintendents  
Florida College System Presidents  
Technical College Directors  
Florida College System Workforce Administrators  
School District Career and Technical Education Directors  
Adult Education Directors  
Employer and Industry Partners

**FROM:** Kevin O’Farrell, Ph.D.

**DATE:** August 12, 2024

**SUBJECT:** **2024-2025 Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant- Grow Your Own Teacher Registered Apprenticeship Program – Florida Department of Education Grants – Funding Opportunity/Webinar Schedule**

The funds for this grant are appropriated in House Bill 5001, General Appropriations Act (GAA) (Appropriation Number 121 – Aid to Local Governments – Grants and Aids) as a sub initiative to the Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant (PCOG).

The purpose of this sub initiative is to create a teacher pipeline for Florida’s school districts and to encourage innovative partnerships between eligible applicants and participating school districts to provide innovative, no cost pathways to the teaching profession by increasing the supply of qualified teachers.

Eligible applicants include public Florida College System (FCS) institutions, State University System (SUS) institutions and Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida (ICUF) with a baccalaureate-level state-approved educator preparation program (EPP) approved by the Florida Department of Education that have partnered with Florida school districts to create an innovative partnership for a no cost pathway to the teaching profession for registered teacher apprentices.

Please be mindful of the following dates:

- **August 20, 2024** – Opportunity to participate in an informational webinar.
- **September 10, 2024 (5 PM EDT)** – Deadline to submit project concepts.

Please register for the initial funding opportunities webinar below.

Kevin O’Farrell, Ph.D.  
Chancellor of Career and Adult Education

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2024-2025 PCOG Funding Opportunity Webinar <a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register">attendee.gotowebinar.com/register</a>	August 20, 2024 10:30AM–11:30AM (EDT)	Call-In Number: +1 (213) 929-4212  Attendee code: 865-112-090
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After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

To access the grant application and for additional information visit the Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant Program webpage at [www.fldoe.org/pathwaysgrant](http://www.fldoe.org/pathwaysgrant).

If you have any questions, please contact the PCOG team at [PCOG@fldoe.org](mailto:PCOG@fldoe.org).

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