Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant Program – Space Coast Competitive Grant Year 2022-23 Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

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Question #1: The Program Components tab is blank, what should I do?

Answer #1: The applicant must first make a selection of "Apprenticeship" or "Preapprenticeship" on question number 1a of the General Program Information tab.

Question #2: If we are able to fill out the application sooner than later, will we be able to submit for review before sending a final copy?

Answer #2: No. Once the PCOG application has been submitted, it is considered final.

Question #3: Can costs be included for "journey-worker"/preceptor salaries?

Answer #3: No. The employer is responsible for the payment of salaries of both the journeyworker/preceptor and the apprentices.

Question #4: Do employers have to partner with vocational or technical schools in order to participate in this program, or can the apprenticeship be managed internally?

Answer #4: No. The Related Technical Instruction (RTI) may take place in-house, on-line, via correspondence, through a Local Education Agency (LEA) or a combination of these methods.

Question #5: Which counties and career clusters are eligible to participate in this funding opportunity?

Answer #5: Only the Florida Space Coast counties may participate in this RFP.

- Brevard,
- Flagler,
- Indian River,
- Martin,
- St. Lucie, and
- Volusia counties

Only the following career clusters will be accepted for this funding opportunity.

- Aerospace/Aviation
- Engineering/Technology
- · Manufacturing, and
- Transportation/Distribution/Logistics
 - IT/Cyber Security programs may be considered if they coordinate with one or more of the previously listed career clusters.

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Question #6: We are a high school that offers vocational training and employment readiness. Do we qualify for any of these initiatives?

Answer #6: The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) cannot determine the eligibility of a potential applicant, The PCOG Eligible Applicants list is located in the RFP (pg. 3 - 4).

Eligible Applicants:

High Schools, Career Centers, Charter Technical Career Centers, Florida College System
 Institutions, and Other Entities Authorized to sponsor an apprenticeship or preapprenticeship
 program, as defined in <u>s. 446.021</u>, Florida Statutes

Question #7: The RFP barely talks about employer and employer engagement; are employer's letters required?

Answer #7: Letters of Support are recommended, but not required.

Question #8: When is the application due?

Answer #8: The RFP states the Pathways to Career Opportunities grant application is due by 5PM (EDT) Thursday, August 18, 2022 to CTEGRANT@fldoe.org.