



Open Door Grant Program Changes for the 2022-23 Academic Year

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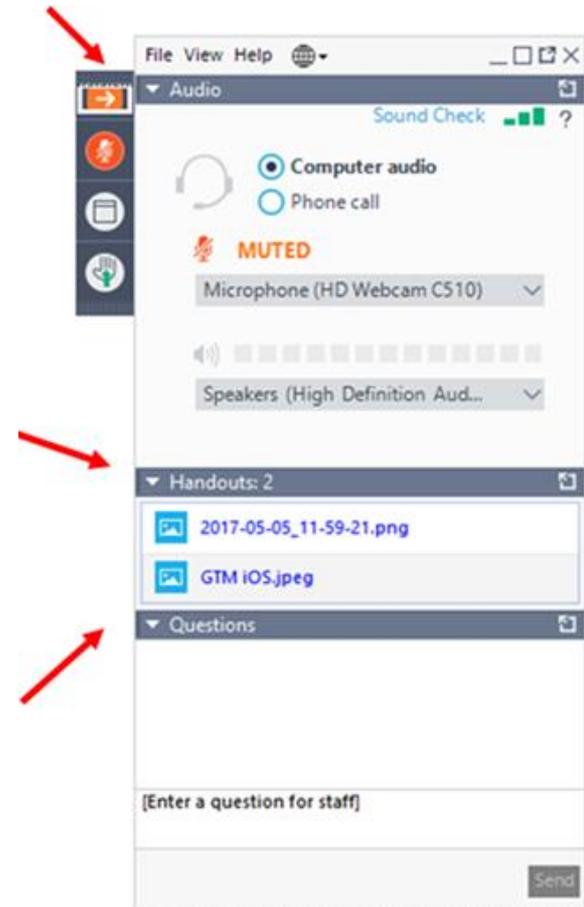
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Agenda

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- Planning for Implementation
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- Questions

Open Door Grant Program Background

- HB 1507 created section (s.) 1009.895, Florida Statutes (F.S.), to establish the Open Door Grant Program (Open Door), to provide funds to support student completion of short-term, high-demand credit and non-credit career and technical education (CTE) programs at:
 - School district postsecondary technical career centers under s. 1001.44, F.S.
 - Charter technical career centers under s. 1002.34, F.S.
 - Florida College System (FCS) institutions s. 1000.21(3), F.S.
- Rule 6A-20.045, Florida Administrative Code (FAC), implements the Open Door program and provides specifications on student eligibility, award types, application process and institutional requirements.

Legislative Changes Effective July 1, 2022

[Senate Bill 2524](#) amended section 1009.895 Florida Statute and included the following:

- Update to the definition of “institution” to include school districts without a career center that offer eligible integrated and education training programs.
- Removal of the requirement for students to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid to be eligible to receive the grant.

Legislative Changes Effective July 1, 2022

[Senate Bill 2524](#) amended section 1009.895 Florida Statute and included the following:

- Additional authority for institutions to cover the student's one-third of the cost of the program based upon student need as determined by the institution (applies to the student investment program of S.1009.895, F.S. only).

These programmatic changes require FDOE to initiate rule development and rulemaking to update Rule 6A-20.045.

Legislative Changes Effective July 1, 2022

The General Appropriations Act ([HB 5001](#)) updates the funding source for the grant from federal to state general revenue.

- Specific appropriation 115 provides \$15 million for school districts.
- Specific appropriation 126 provides \$20 million for Florida College System (FCS) institutions.

These revisions, both budgetary and programmatic, become effective July 1, 2022.



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Planning for Implementation

Next Steps for Agencies with Current Open Door Grant Awards

- FDOE will update the funding source from federal to state on July 1, 2022.
- All agencies with a current award will be carried over to a new state funded grant number.
- This change necessitates FDOE to release a Request for Application (RFA) with a project award period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Next Steps for Agencies with Current Open Door Grant Awards

Next steps to transition your program to a new grant number:

1. Complete the [survey](#) by **Friday, May 6th** that inquires of the following:

- Does your agency intend to continue participation in this grant program in 2022-23;
- Identify the projected grant expenditures through June 30, 2022;
- Identify the amount of funding* being requested for the 2022-23 fiscal year (assuming continued participation in the program).

**Agencies may request the amount of these initial awards less their projected expenditures through June 30, 2022.*

Next Steps for Agencies with Current Open Door Grant Awards

Next steps to transition your program to a new grant number:

2. Submit a response to the new Request for Application (RFA) upon its release. Please note allocations will be provided based upon the agency response to the survey. The DOE 100A and 101S must accompany the new RFA for agencies with fully approved program applications.
3. Complete closeout of the existing federal grant award by **July 10, 2022**, with the submission of the DOE 399 document.
4. After completion of the new awards to the initial institutions, agencies will be offered the opportunity to request any of the additional funds available. Details are forthcoming.

Next Steps for Agencies with Current Open Door Grant Awards

- Please note that program and budget amendments for current 2021-22 projects must be submitted no later than Monday, May 16, 2022.
- All amendments must be submitted via email to OpenDoor@fldoe.org.

Next Steps for Agencies that Do Not have a 2021-22 Open Door Grant Award

- Monitor the upcoming rulemaking associated with Rule 6A-20.045.
- Locally determine if your agency would like to participate in the 2022-23 Open Door Grant Program.
- Submit RFA once the FDOE releases the RFA for additional funding requests.



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Next Steps & Resources

Rule Development Workshop for Rule 6A-20.045

- May 17, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. Eastern
- You may register for the Rule Development Workshop at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1537495910153401103>

Resources

- Agencies may submit questions at any time by emailing OpenDoor@fldoe.org.
- Open Door website
 - www.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu/funding-opportunities/opendoor.shtml
- Rule 6A-20.045, F.A.C.
 - <https://www.flrules.org/gateway/RuleNo.asp?id=6A-20.045>



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