



# CARES Act, Rapid Credentialing Grant Follow-up Q&A

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# Funding Opportunity for Postsecondary Career and Technical Education (CTE)

## Rapid Credentialing Grant (TAPS#21B088)

Due Date: July 17, 2020

**NOTE:** Funds not requested by August 15, 2020 will be re-allocated to other eligible agencies. If an agency elects not to apply for the funds, the agency head should notify FDOE via email at [CTECARESACT@fldoe.org](mailto:CTECARESACT@fldoe.org).

<http://www.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu/funding-opportunities/index.shtml>

# Agenda

1. Questions & Answers
2. Open Forum for new questions

# Direct Links to Documents

- Two documents are posted on the **Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act for Career & Technical Education (CTE)** web page: <http://fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu/funding-opportunities/cares.shtml>
- Tuesday's webinars (6/16/20) are now posted at the link above.
- See sub-header "**Expanding Workforce Education Credentialing & Certificates**"
  - Request for Application (RFA): <http://fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7515/urlt/TAPS-21B088-RapidCredentialing-RFA.docx>
  - Application (Excel): <http://fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7515/urlt/TAPS-21B088-RapidCredentialingApp.xlsx>

# Clarifications

- On Tuesday's call, a comment was made about tuition and matching funds. To clarify, tuition may be used for the matching funds source. However, the value of any tuition waivers granted to students may not be used as a matching source. See Matching Funds section on Page 2 of the RFA document.

# Allowable Grant Expenses (TAPS# 21B088 RFA, page 5&6)

**Q. Are personnel (FTE Expenses) allowed on this grant?**

A. Yes

**Q. May Florida College System (FCS) institutions and district postsecondary technical colleges/centers pay tuition to help students overcome financial barriers to participation?**

A. Yes

**Q. May funds be used to pay for student industry certification exams?**

A. Yes

**Q. May funds be used to pay for marketing?**

A. Funds may be used for outreach and recruitment of students into the programs supported with grant funds.

# Allowable Grant Expenses (cont.)

**Q. Under unallowable expenses, I noticed that vehicle purchases are listed. However, I would like to expand my Commercial Vehicle Driving program. May these grant funds be used to purchase trucks and trailers for training purposes?**

**A. Yes.**



# Matching Funds (TAPS# 21B088 RFA, Page 2)

**Q. Are we allowed to use Perkins Funds for matching funds?**

A. Yes, you may utilize the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education funds under the following conditions:

- If the program meets Perkins size, scope, quality and labor market alignment requirements.
- If the program is a Perkins eligible program (may not be used as a match for non-credit programs)

**Q. Can CARES Institutional funds through the Higher Education Emergency Relief program be used for as a match?**

A. Yes

# Eligible Programs (TAPS# 21B088 RFA, Page 2)

**Q. I want to offer a short-term program that is not listed on Appendix A or Appendix B. Am I allowed to spend the Rapid Credentialing program funds on programs not listed on these appendices?**

A. Yes, if the program has documented local demand and the institution expects program completion by May 2021. In Part A, provide a brief justification of the need to spend funds on the program.

**Q. Are these funds for new programs or existing programs?**

A. The funds may be spent on new or existing programs with the expectation that program completions will be delivered no later than May 2021.

# Eligible Programs (cont.)

## Q. Are clock hour programs to be listed as non-credit for this application?

A. No. If a program has a state-issued program framework, it is not considered non-credit. Only programs that are offered through fee-based or continuing education opportunities would be classified as non-credit. NOTE: When completing Part A, when agencies enter the 10-digit CIP/7 alphanumeric program number, the program name and program type will auto-populate. For programs without a state framework, agencies enter the non-credit program name and the program type field will auto-populate with "non-credit" and column J will be highlighted to indicate entry is required. See example:

[A]	[B]	[C]	[D]	[E]	[F]	[G]	[H]	[I]	[J]
10-digit CIP	Program Code (if district)	Program Name	Program Type	Industry Certifications Offered, if applicable	Program leads to Middle to High Wage Employment (Y/N)	Anticipated Annual Earnings for Completers	Anticipated Placement Rate	Funds Allocated to Program (including Matching Funds)	Brief Justification for Program (if program does not lead to certificate/credential on Appendix A or Appendix B)
		Best Program Ever	Non-Credit						

## Completing the Application (TAPS# 21B088 RFA, Page 10,11&12)

**Q. On part A, if we are proposing to expand an existing program, is the number of completers inclusive of those that we would already be serving in the program? Or would we only include an increase in the number enrolled (Column G)?**

A. You may report all completers in the program that are expected by those dates, even if those students are already in the program.

# Technical Questions

**Q. May the DOE100A be submitted as a PDF?**

A. Yes. The RFA has been re-posted with this clarification.

**Q. What is the period of the grant funds?**

A. The budget period is May 28, 2020 through September 30, 2022. However, the grant is seeking a rapid credentialing proposal to ensure completions by May 2021.

**Q. Will funding be disbursed though FLAGS?**

A. Yes.

# Questions?

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