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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** School District Superintendents  
Florida College System Presidents

**FROM:** Kevin O'Farrell, Ph.D.

**DATE:** August 15, 2024

**SUBJECT:** 2024-2025 Graduation Alternative to Traditional Education (GATE) Start-up Grant Funding Opportunity Announcement and Webinar

The Graduation Alternative to Traditional Education (GATE) Start-up Grant is established in Section (s.) 1011.804, Florida Statutes (F.S.). This grant program is created to fund and support the startup and implementation of the GATE Program, subject to legislative appropriation. The purpose of the grant program is to increase access to programs that support adult learners earning a high school credential, either a high school diploma or its equivalent, and a workforce credential aligned to statewide or regional demand. Career education credentials offered as part of the GATE program must be included on the 2024-25 Master Credentials List under s. 445.004(4), F.S. See Chapter 2024-161, Laws of Florida, for the complete statutory language: <https://laws.flrules.org/2024/161>.

Attached is the concept proposal document which must be completed by institutions who are eligible to receive grants. Proposals may be received by institutions who serve students in or are located in Rural Areas of Rural Opportunity. Current designations of Rural Areas of Rural Opportunity can be found on the Florida Commerce Rural Areas of Opportunity webpage: <https://www.floridajobs.org/community-planning-and-development/rural-community-programs/rural-areas-of-opportunity>. Attachment A of the concept proposal includes a list of identified eligible recipients.

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Chancellor of Career and Adult Education

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Priority will be provided to proposals received by Friday, September 27, 2024. Proposals will continue to be accepted until all funds are awarded. To learn more about this opportunity, please register for the funding opportunities webinar below.

Link to Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8745133298497272920>

Date: September 5, 2024

Time: 2 p.m. (EDT)

Questions may be directed to [GATEprogram@fldoe.org](mailto:GATEprogram@fldoe.org) for the contact person.

cc. District and Florida College System Adult Education Directors  
Technical College Directors  
Florida College System Workforce Administrators  
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Adult Education Directors