



STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Eric G. Mackey, Ed.D.
State Superintendent of Education

July 8, 2026

MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey 
State Superintendent of Education

RE: Career and Technical Education Facilities Grant

Pursuant to Act 2026-600 and funded through the Education Trust Fund Advancement and Technology Fund, the Alabama State Department of Education is pleased to announce a \$150 million grant opportunity to support the development of regional career and technical education (CTE) centers across the state.

This funding will provide matching grants for capital outlay and equipment expenses. Proposals must be submitted as a collaboration of at least two local education agencies (LEAs) or between an LEA partnering with a community college within the Alabama Community College System. If an LEA partners with a community college, the LEA will maintain full control of the grant. A sliding scale for matching requirements will be applied based on the financial capacity of participating LEAs, with no required match exceeding 50% of the total project cost.

Projects will be considered based on the tiered funding model below:

- Projects funded in 2025 will receive first consideration to complete funding the original application. Local superintendents seeking the remaining funds originally requested should submit a letter to the State Superintendent confirming that the project is on track and requesting the balance from the original application. No project may receive more than \$20 million in total for all years. Approximately \$40 million will be set aside for priority one.
- Projects applied for in 2025 that were not funded will receive second priority for funding in 2026. Approximately \$70 million will be set aside for reconsideration of these projects. Local superintendents wishing to have their project reconsidered may submit a letter expressing the intent of the local school system to move forward with the project and to request reconsideration. Minor adjustments to the 2025 project application are allowed and should be included with the reconsideration letter.
- Approximately \$40 million will be set aside for new projects in 2026 applications.

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The application contains all regulatory requirements and a timeline of key expectations. The deadline for submitting grant applications is Friday, July 31, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. Follow the instructions on the ALSDE [Grant Portal](#) to apply. A virtual technical assistance session will be held on Monday, July 13, 2026, at 10 a.m. Please register [here](#) to receive the meeting link and access details.

If you have any questions, contact Mr. Dodd Hawthorne, Assistant State Superintendent, by telephone at 334-694-4907 or by email at dodd.hawthorne@alsde.edu.

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Attachment

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