



STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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

September 8, 2021

MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey *EGM*
 State Superintendent of Education

RE: Career and Technical Education Middle Grades Innovation Grants
REVISED

The Alabama State Department of Education is accepting proposals from local education agencies (LEAs) for funding to expand career and technical education in middle grades. Virtual office hours for technical assistance with the grant will be held on August 18, 19, and 20, 2021. The deadline to submit the Middle Grades Expansion Grant application is September 17, 2021, at 5 p.m. Please send applications with supporting documentation to Dr. Jimmy Hull, Assistant State Superintendent for Career and Technical Education/Workforce Development, Alabama State Department of Education, ATTN: Dr. Julie Turner, Education Specialist, P. O. Box 302101, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-2101.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Jennifer Burt, Education Administrator, by telephone at 334-694-4763 or by email at jburt@alsde.edu, or Dr. Turner by telephone at 334-694-4760 or by email at jturner@alsde.edu.

EGM/JB/MS

Enclosure

cc: City and County Career and Technical Education Administrators
 City and County Chief School Financial Officers
 Mrs. Angela Martin
 Mr. Andy Craig
 Dr. Jimmy Hull
 Mrs. Lynn Shows
 Mr. Barry Kachelhofer
 Mrs. Jennifer Burt

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**CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION/WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT**

Request for Proposal—FY 2022

Career and Technical Education Middle Grades Innovation Grant

School District: _____

System Code: _____

Instructions: Complete this cover sheet, the narrative questions, data page, and budget page and return on or before September 17, 2021, at 5 p.m. Mail three (3) original copies to: Dr. Jimmy Hull, Assistant State Superintendent for Career and Technical Education/Workforce Development, ATTN: Dr. Julie Turner, P. O. Box 302101, Montgomery, AL 36130-2101, or hand-deliver to: Dr. Julie Turner, Education Specialist, Career and Technical Education/Workforce Development, Gordon Persons Building, 3rd Floor, Room 3146, 50 North Ripley Street, Montgomery, AL 36104. No emailed or faxed copies will be accepted. Please use blue ink for the signatures on all original copies.

Career and Technical Education			
Name:	_____	Telephone:	_____
Address:	_____	Fax:	_____
Email:	_____		_____

Amount of Fund Requested: _____

Purpose: The Alabama State Department of Education is accepting proposals from local education agencies (LEAs) for funding to create, expand, or to reimagine Career and Technical Education (CTE) Middle Grades Programs.

Date of the Award: Funds will be available from the beginning date of the contract through September 30, 2022.

Allowable Costs: LEAs agree to use funds to pay for ALSDE-approved CTE Middle Grades Programs.

CERTIFICATION:

The attached application/budget is based on preliminary grant application. I understand that only the CTE Expansion costs approved in this grant application will be reimbursed to the LEA.

CTE Director

Date

I have reviewed the attached application/budget. The proposed expenditures appear to be coded properly and will be incorporated into the LEA systemwide budget.

Chief School Financial Officer

Date

I certify that I am authorized by the governing board of the above-named school system to submit this application or amendment; that all assurances, certifications, and disclosures submitted with the Program Application and Accountability Plans for Career and Technical Education will be observed; that the program will be implemented as described; and that the governing board is responsible for complying with all state and federal requirements, including the resolution of any audit exceptions.

Local Superintendent's Original Signature

Date

Career and Technical Education Middle Grades Innovation Grant FY 2022 FY 2022 Grant Requirements

1. Preliminary Budget/Certification Page—Each LEA must complete the preliminary budget page. The grant awards will range from \$25,000-\$200,000 based on the grant type. The estimated amount of available funds is as follows: \$500,000 (STEM) and \$200,000 CTE Career Exploration. (20 Points)
2. Project Narrative—Each LEA must demonstrate a plan to create, to expand, or to reimagine Career and Technical Education Middle Grades Programs. (80 Points)
 - A. Describe how the program expansion will create equity and access. (20 Points)
 - B. Describe how the success of the program will be measured. (20 Points)
 - C. Address the following Design Principles: (20 Points)
 - a. Be equitable and inclusive of each student
 - b. Be anchored in careers
 - c. Be standards based
 - d. Be grounded in experiential and hands-on learning
 - e. Balance breadth and depth across the curriculum
 - f. Be integrated into the broader K-12—or P-20—career development system
 - g. Include intentional and meaningful employer engagement
 - h. Involve dedicated instructional time
 - i. Be communicated effectively to students and their families
 - j. Focused on student growth
 - D. Provide a sustainability plan beyond the grant funds. (20 Points)

The estimated number of awards will be 42. Each Workforce Development Region can receive up to four (4) CTE Career Exploration Start-Up/Reimagining Grants in the amount of \$25,000 and up to two (2) STEM focused grants in the amount of \$200,000. Total amount of award is \$500,000 per region. The anticipated total amount to be awarded is \$3.5 million. **Please indicate which grant type below by checking the appropriate box:**

CTE Career Exploration Start-Up/Reimagining Grant

STEM Focused Grant

**Career and Technical Education Expansion Grant FY 2022
State Funds**

PROPOSED BUDGET (REVISED)

Revenue Code = 1280

Function	Program	Object	Description	Budget
	3800			
	3800			
	3800			
	3800			
	3800			
	3800			
	3800		Total	\$