

Minnesota State System Office

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Unit, Workforce Development Division

Request for Proposals (RFP)

Notice of Availability of Funds

Under the auspices of the Strengthening Career and Technical Education Act of 2018, Minnesota State is authorized to assist **institutions serving individuals with disabilities or offenders to support career and technical education services and activities**. This grant program serves adults or youth who are incarcerated, those on probation and individuals transitioning out of incarceration in less than three years).

Currently, Minnesota State is requesting proposals from institutions that meet the following eligibility:

1. Correctional institutions or agencies, including community corrections that serve adults or youth who are incarcerated or have transitioned out of incarceration or are justice-involved (e.g., active probation NOT criminal record history)
2. Community organizations that provide direct services to individuals transitioning from correctional institutions –such as group transitional facilities, workforce centers, community-based programs, etc.-- that offer job training and employment services to ex-offenders.
3. State institutions or agencies and community organizations that provide direct services to youth or adults with disabilities (whether or not there is an affiliation with corrections)
4. Other organizations that provide direct services that support programming for postsecondary CTE, employment training, work readiness skill development, etc., to either population of disabilities or corrections. (e.g., nonprofit, community-based service providers, ABE-serving organizations, veteran services, etc.)

This initiative has two primary goals to address persistent disparities among these populations: (1) Provide support that assists persons in career and technical education (CTE) services and job preparation, which improve work-readiness and job skills leading to economic stability; (2) To assist in the development of CTE related services that help improve the successful transition of individuals into employment and/or continuing technical education.

For FY 2023, up to **\$50,000** is available for this funding. Grants awarded are between \$5,000 to \$25,000. Funds made available under the Perkins Act provide **innovative support or seed funding** and do **NOT supplant** any current funding for programs and services. This request for proposals does not obligate Minnesota State to award a contract. All rights are reserved to cancel the solicitation if it is considered in the best interest. Any contract executed under this RFP will be dependent upon the amount of funds received from the US Office of Career Technical and Adult Education (OCTAE).

Parties interested in pursuing this grant should refer to the request for proposals and the online application. **Grant applications will be accepted through the ONLINE SYSTEM ONLY.** To apply online, go to <https://sites.google.com/site/correctionsrfp/>. The grant term is effective from approximately September 2022 through June 2023.

Contact Eva Scates-Winston at eva.scates-winston@minnstate.edu or 651-201-1680 regarding any questions. If you experience any technical difficulties with the online application process, contact Jared Reise at jared.reise@minnstate.edu or 651-201-1711.

Online applications are due by June 1, 2022, with award notifications anticipated by July 2022.

Send a signed e-copy of the [signature page](#) to:

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A grant overview PowerPoint presentation is available on the RFP site. This document has been reviewed for accessibility; however, if there are any technical issues or an alternative format is needed, contact eva.scates-winston@minnstate.edu.

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