

Request for Board Approval

To: Charles Wilson, Superintendent
 From: Bethany Gilliam, CTAE Director
 Date: July 29, 2024
 Re: Approval of FY25 Federal Perkins Plan Grant

Each year, Bulloch County Schools receives an annual allocation notification for our CTAE programs through the Perkins legislation. The use of these federal funds are contingent upon the date the local CTAE Plan for the Federal Perkins V Funds is approved by the Board of Education. Bulloch County Schools is slated to receive \$167,438 for FY25 program improvement and for the implementation of federal initiatives. The primary use of Perkins funds is to improve or expand upon career education and improve student academic and technical performance.

Our local funds are used to purchase supplies, textbooks, software, repairs / maintenance on current equipment, substitutes for CTAE teachers attending professional learning workshops, competitions with students, transportation costs for competitions, and student field trips. Below is the proposed budget for how this year's Perkins funds will be expended:

FY25 Carl D. Perkins Federal Grant Allocation		
Description	Explanation	Amount
Basic Program Improvement Allocation (see attached detailed budget)	Allowable Expenditures - Professional development dues, fees, and travel / travel for student competitions - Equipment, technology supplies, and software	\$135,074
Professional Development Allocation	These funds are provided to the CTAE Resource Network which is an online network / consortium into which all school systems pay for with these grant funds.	\$12,364
PerkinsPlus Federal Reserve Allocation	End of Pathway Assessments (EOPA): Pays for purchasing student guides and the EOPA assessments. Stipends for CTAE teachers to align curriculum to evaluate and design CTAE Instructional Plans.	\$20,000
Total Federal Grants Allocation		\$167,438

Additionally, we have received the following special State Funded CTAE Grants for the FY25 school year. Below is the proposed budget for how this year's state grant funds will be expended:

FY25 State Funded Grant Allocation		
Description	Explanation	Amount
Industry Certification	Renewal of industry certification for the Allied Health Program at Southeast Bulloch High School	\$5,000
Heavy Equipment Operations Pathway Simulator	Purchase of CAT simulator for the Heavy Equipment Operation Program at Southeast Bulloch High School	\$324,000
Total State Grants Allocation		\$329,000

FY25 Instructional Updates and Opportunities

Additional pathways, work based learning services, and Career Technical Student Organizations (CTSO) that will be offered during the FY25 school year include:

- **New Pathways for FY25**
 - Southeast Bulloch High School - Heavy Equipment Operations
- **Expanded Pathways for FY25: *added instructors***
 - Southeast Bulloch High School - Work-Based Learning
 - Statesboro High School- Financial Services

FY25 Expenditures

The following information provides a summary of anticipated Perkins Improvement Grant expenditures for the 2024-2025 school year.

The following expenditures are related to travel for advisors for Career Technical Student Organization (CTSO) activities to support and chaperone students who are participating in competitions and to support professional learning for CTAE teachers. Some examples for FY25 expenditures include registrations, fees, dues, and travel related to:

- Transportation for Manufacturing Day, College and Career Expo, Business and Industry Showcase, STEM Field Experience, Ag-Grow Expo, Be Pro Be Proud, Career Fair, Future Manufactures of Bulloch County Job Shadow, and Ag Expo
- Advisor support for regional, state, and national student competitions (CTSO)
- CTSO Advisor Trainings
- Professional Learning for CTAE Teachers

The following expenditures are related to instruction and CTAE End of Pathway Assessments (EOPA). Some examples for FY25 expenditures include:

- Business software for all three high schools
- Software and study guides to prepare for the EOPA assessments
- Agriculture Experience Tracking software for all three high schools
- New equipment for CTAE classrooms and labs
- Replacement equipment for CTAE classrooms and labs
- Supplies and materials for CTAE classrooms and labs

Please accept this FY25 CTAE Perkins Improvement Grant Plan as our request for your approval of the acceptance and use of these funds in order to provide additional resources for our students and teachers. These funds are vital to our efforts to fulfill our CTAE Department's purpose of *preparing students for successful careers and building an educated, skilled, and efficient workforce for economic growth in Bulloch County.*

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. Please contact me with questions or concerns or if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,



Bethany Gilliam

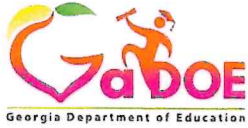
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GRANT AWARD NOTIFICATION

Federal Perkins V Funds – CTAE	
CTAE Perkins V Program Improvement	\$135,074
CTAE Perkins V Professional Development	\$12,364
Perkins V Total Federal (85%) Basic Grant	\$147,438
CTAE Perkins V Plus Reserve	\$20,000
CTAE Perkins V - State Institutions	
Total Federal Perkins V Allocation	\$167,438

State Funds - CTAE Grants	
CTAE - Extended Day	\$102,722
CTAE - Extended Year	
CTAE - Apprenticeship	\$37,500
CTAE - Supervision	\$28,884
CTAE - Industry Certification	\$5,000
Total CTAE State Grants Allocation	\$174,106
State Funds - CTAE Capital Equipment Grants	
CTAE - Agriculture Construction Bond	
CTAE - Vocational Construction Bond	
Total Capital Equipment Grants Allocation	\$0
State Funds - Agricultural Education Grants	
CTAE – Ag Extended Day	\$24,764
CTAE – Ag Extended Year	\$16,751
CTAE – Ag Young Farmer	
CTAE - Area Teachers Programs	
CTAE – Ag Youth Camps	
Total State Agricultural Education Grants Allocation	\$41,515

12. Any equipment, supplies, or materials used in the performance of this addendum that are not provided pursuant to the Heavy Equipment grant program shall be provided at the expense of the LEA.
13. State equipment grant funds shall be used only for the purchase of instructional equipment in the following program(s):

FY 2025 Grant Award Details

System	Program	Amount
Bulloch County Schools	Heavy Equipment	\$324,000

Total \$324,000

The local board agrees to the above addendum to the Local Application for Career and Technical Education FY 2025.

Purchasing Guidelines for FY25 Heavy Equipment Grants

1. Begin purchases of appropriate equipment after the local system has been approved for the grant via the FY 2025 Consolidated Application but no earlier than July 1, 2024.
2. Items must be durable and repairable and have a useful life of five years or more. These funds are for major equipment purchases. Individual items must have a value of \$100.00 or more to be eligible. **It should be understood that every purchase necessary for program implementation is not covered by this grant. Certain purchases are the responsibility of the local school system.**
3. Items purchased should be for student use and for the direct instruction to students.
4. Items purchased must be listed on your local equipment inventory and noted as a Heavy Equipment equipment item. This information should be made available during system Monitoring and Risk Assessment Reviews.
5. Computers (CPU) must be fully assembled and purchased with the necessary accessories (keyboard, monitor, mouse, Operating Systems software, etc.) included. Computers must be billed as a single unit in order to qualify for reimbursement. School systems cannot buy the individual component pieces to be assembled at the school.
6. The system should request reimbursement for grant expenditures after items are received and invoiced to the system. Make sure all invoices are specific to the Grant Program area. Give complete names and/or descriptions of items purchased under the grant. If only an item number appears on the invoice, write or type onto the invoice the name of the item by the respective cost prior to submitting the document. Serial numbers must be submitted with the invoice for all items purchased with the grant funds.

ALL PURCHASES ARE SUBJECT TO GaDOE REVIEW.