

**TO:** State Board of Education  
**FROM:** Stefany Deckard, Director of Career and Technical Education  
**DATE:** February 28, 2018  
**RE:** Perkins Update

**Purpose:** The Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act (Perkins IV) was signed into law in 2006. Perkins IV is the principal source of federal funding to state and discretionary grantees for the improvement of secondary and postsecondary career and technical education programs. Perkins IV provides an increased focus on the academic achievement of career and technical education students, strengthening of the connections between secondary and postsecondary education, and improving state and local accountability.

**Allotment and Allocation:** Perkins IV, Section 111(2), outlines the formula for which state agencies receive the allotment of federal funds, while Section 112 outlines how funds shall be made available within the state allocation. Section 112(a)(b) and (c) describe the within state allocation for the following categories and purposes:

Section 112(a)(1): Not less than 85 percent for distribution (per allocation formula) to secondary and postsecondary programs;

Section 112(a)(2): Not more than 10 percent to carryout state leadership activities;

Section 112(a)(2)(A): Not less than 1 percent of state allocation to serve individuals in state correctional institutions and institutions that serve individuals with disabilities;

Section 112(a)(2)(B): Not less than \$60,000 and not more than \$150,000 for services that prepare individuals in non-traditional fields;

Section 112(a)(3): An amount equal to not more than 5 percent, or \$250,000, whichever is greater, for state administration;

Section 112(b): A state matching requirement from non-federal sources of funds received under sub section (a)(3);

Section 112(c): Amounts made available under subsection (a)(1), up to 10 percent (or 8.5 percent of total state allotment), for grants to eligible recipients (1) in rural areas; (2) areas with high percentages of CTE students, and (3) areas with high numbers of CTE students.

**Budget Update:**

Perkins IV 2016-2017 state allocation: **\$25,175,425.00**

Perkins IV 2017-2018 state allocation: **\$24,508,824.00**

Furthermore, Perkins IV funds are provided to the state on a 27-month cycle. In accordance with the Grant Award Letter (GAN) under EDGAR 34 CFR 76.703, obligations must be made during the 27-month period and according to 2 CFR 200.343 (b) the State must liquidate all obligations no later than 90 days after the end of the funding period. The State is awarded a new grant each year which results in overlapping grant awards and obligations for the grant periods. Funds not expended during one program year carry over into the subsequent year. For example, funds awarded to the state on July 1, 2016 can be encumbered until the end of September 2018 and liquidated until December 2018.

I. Unspent funds from previous program year: **\$4,130,055.68**

II. Allocations projected for future activities, by purpose

<b>PERKINS FY17</b>	
	<b>Federal Funds Authorized</b>
<b>RESERVE</b>	
Funds for Secondary Eligible Recipients	2,000,000.00
Funds for Postsecondary Eligible Recipients	0.00
<b>Total</b>	2,000,000.00
<b>Formula Distribution (BASIC GRANT/LOCAL GRANT)</b>	
Funds for Secondary Eligible Recipients	13,643,148.00
Funds for Postsecondary Eligible Recipients	7,156,062.00
<b>Total</b>	20,799,210.00
<b>TOTAL BASIC GRANT/LOCAL FUNDS</b>	22,799,210.00
<b>State Leadership</b>	
Non-traditional Training and Employment	60,000.00
State Institutions	150,000.00
Other Leadership Activities	1,005,614.00
<b>TOTAL STATE LEADERSHIP</b>	1,215,614.00
<b>State Administration</b>	
Total State Administration	494,000.00
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	24,508,824.00

III. Grants to be issued with associated funding and purpose

- a. Reserve: Per Section 112(c). Funds for Secondary Eligible Recipients were distributed and to be used for the development, improvement and/or expansion of

CTE programs in Area CTE Districts to address local, regional or statewide workforce development needs in high skill, high wage, or high demand occupations in critical or emerging industries.

- b. Formula Distribution: Per Section 112(a)(1), secondary and postsecondary eligible recipients receive an allotment of funds to be expended on the improvement of CTE programs. Per Section 135, Local Uses of Funds, local recipients must address the nine (9) required uses of funds before funds can address the twenty (20) permissible uses of funds.
  - c. Leadership: Per Section 112(a)(2), and in accordance with Section 124, funds must address each of the nine (9) required uses of funds before the seventeen (17) permissible uses of funds.
    - i. These funds are used for activities such as providing technical assistance, professional development programs, assessments, expanding the use of technology in CTE, and improving academic, and career, and technical skills. These funds may also be used for supporting career and technical student organizations, improving the recruitment and retention of CTE teachers, supporting family and consumer science programs, and awarding incentive grants to eligible recipients for exemplary performance.
  - d. State Administration: Per Section 112(a)(3), state administration dollars are used only for the eligible agency to carry out the responsibilities to administer the funds and activities authorized under the Perkins Act.
- IV. Funds held back for other purposes: Federal Perkins dollars can only be used for the purposes outlined above.