Changes to the 2015-2016 Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act Grant Application

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Overview

- Implications of new EDGAR requirements for Perkins
- Changes to the 2015-2016 Application
- Resources
New EDGAR Requirements:
Implications for Perkins Programs
Advisory Councils

- EDGAR Section 200.422: Costs incurred by advisory councils are unallowable unless authorized by statute.
- Perkins Sec. 134 (b)(5) and Sec. 135 (c )1 require or allow participation of various stakeholder groups in implementing Perkins program.
- Perkins advisory councils must meet specific criteria to be allowable. Refer to the Program Guidelines.
Program Income

- **Sec. 200.80:** Defined as income earned by the non-Federal entity that is directly generated by a supported activity or earned as a result of the Federal award during the period of performance.
- Includes fees for services performed, sale of commodities or items fabricated under a federal award.
Program Income (continued)

- **Sec. 200.307:** If the federal awarding agency does not specify or give prior approval for how program income is to be used, the program income must be **deducted** from the grant award.

- **With prior approval** from federal awarding agency (USDE), program income may be **added** to the federal award and used for the purposes approved in the federal award.

- TEA has requested authority to give prior approval.
Installation of Capital Assets

- **Sec. 200.12 and 200.13.** Grantees can use grant funds to pay for installing the capital asset.

- **Example:** An LEA wants to convert a traditional CTE lab to a culinary kitchen and exterior venting is required. Perkins funds can now be used to install exterior venting.

- LEAs **cannot** use Perkins funds to construct a new building for the kitchen.
Accountability for Assets

- **Sec. 200.62 (c):** Requires internal controls to ensure that “Funds, property, and other assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition”

- **Sec. 200.302 (b):** The financial management system of each non-Federal entity must provide for the following . . . (4): Effective control over, and accountability for, all funds, property, and other assets.
Federal Flexibility Initiative

- TEA staff no longer assume that large reimbursement requests made at the end of the grant period are not allowable.
- We will evaluate these reimbursement requests on a case-by-case basis and request justification that the purchases benefit the grant program.
What Does this Mean for Me?

- You can order capital purchases toward the end of the grant period (currently June 30), and receive and install them after the ending date of the grant.
- Goods and services must still be received by the Final/Revised Final Expenditure Report date.
- Must be able to justify the purchase as reasonable, allowable and allocable for the grant program.
Big News!

- The 2015-2016 Perkins formula NOGAs will be effective for July 1, 2015, through August 15, 2016
- Recipients will have 60 days to submit expenditures
Changes to the 2015-2016 Application
Budget Schedule

New terminology:
- Final Amount
- Incentive Amount
- Reallocation
Professional and Contracted Services (6200)

- Postsecondary tuition allowable only if not in the name of individual students
Supplies and Materials (6300)

- Supplies and materials for advisory councils deleted. New EDGAR: “Costs incurred by advisory councils or committees are unallowable unless authorized by statute, the Federal awarding agency or as an indirect cost where allocable to Federal awards.”

- Budget all supplies and materials under “Total Supplies and Materials Costs”
Supplies and Materials (continued)

- **Remember**: Single items or groups of items that function as a unit that are valued at $5,000 or greater must be budgeted as Capital Outlay.
Other Operating Costs (6400)

- **In-state staff development travel and/or training costs for CTE teachers or other LEA staff:** Approval no longer required – line deleted

- **Publication and printing costs:** Approval no longer required - must be necessary and reasonable. Line deleted.

- **Travel for officials** not allowed for Perkins. Line greyed out.

- **Membership dues in civic or community organizations (excludes CTSOs)** – not allowed
Other Operating Costs (continued)

- **Out-of-state travel for employees:**
  - Allowable for Perkins
  - Requires prior approval on application
  - Must be minimal and directly related to the grant
  - Out-of-State Travel Justification Form required (new)

- **Educational Field Trips:** Requires prior approval on application. Must attach Educational Field Trip Justification Form (new)
Other Operating Costs (continued)

- **Non-employee costs for participating in conferences:** Separate line item, requires authorization from federal awarding agency. LEA must certify that authorization is on file.
- **Hosting conferences for non-employees.** Decision on allowability pending.
Itemized Debt Service (6500)

- No changes.
Itemized Capital Outlay (6600)

- Language revised
- No additions or deletions to schedule
Helpful Resources
DO Bookmark the Administering a Grant Page


- Links to:
  - The New EDGAR
  - Allowable Cost Guidance
  - Amendment Submission Guidance
  - Budgeting Guidance
  - Expenditure Reporting Guidance
  - General and Fiscal Guidance
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