

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

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New EDGAR Requirements: Implications for Perkins Programs



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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



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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



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DO Bookmark the Administering a Grant Page

- ▶ http://tea.texas.gov/Finance_and_Grants/Administering_a_Grant.aspx
- ▶ Links to:
 - The New EDGAR
 - Allowable Cost Guidance
 - Amendment Submission Guidance
 - Budgeting Guidance
 - Expenditure Reporting Guidance
 - General and Fiscal Guidance



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Questions?

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