

## **Perkins Funds and COVID -19**

April 30, 2020

### **Sample Covid-19 Related Spending Options -**

Grantees shall use Perkins funds to develop, coordinate, implement, or improve CTE programs to meet the needs identified in the Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment (CLNA). During the Covid-19 crisis districts are encouraged to rethink these expenditures. Options to consider include:

- Career guidance and academic counseling
- Professional development to support distance learning
- Adjusting curricula
- Acquiring Perkins related equipment, technology and instructional materials
- Expanding distance learning
- Making instructional content widely available, including open education resources
- Reduce out-of-pocket costs for special populations
- Other activities to improve career and technical education programs

\* *The above list is from ACTE Webinar 4/15/2020: [Managing Perkins Funds During School Closures](#)*

*\*\*See section 135(b) of the Perkins V law for a detailed list of allowable expenditures*

### **Fiscal Restrictions –**

- Carryover of Perkins funds is not allowed as of April 30, 2020.
- Supplement/Not Supplant. Perkins expenditures must be supplemental to state/local funding.
- Up to 5% of Perkins funds may be used for administrative indirect costs.
- Funds from products created in CTE courses and sold, need to be used for the CTE program.
- Expenditures are all directly linked to needs identified in the CLNA.

\* *Refer to Perkins V law if you have questions about additional restrictions*

### **Covid-19 Considerations –**

- DEED may award annual Perkins grants to districts July 1, 2020, allowing districts to obligate FY21 funds on this date, provided the district submits a substantially approvable application by this date. (34 C.F.R. § 76.708, [March 31, 2020 USDOE FAQ Letter](#), Q#2 [https://s3.amazonaws.com/PCRN/docs/20-0086.FAQs\\_Perkins.pdf](https://s3.amazonaws.com/PCRN/docs/20-0086.FAQs_Perkins.pdf))
- If a District cannot submit a “substantially approvable” application, OCTAE authorized states to extend the recipient’s current application for three months in order to award funds by July 1, 2020. ([March 31, 2020 USDOE FAQ Letter](#), Q#3 [https://s3.amazonaws.com/PCRN/docs/20-0086.FAQs\\_Perkins.pdf](https://s3.amazonaws.com/PCRN/docs/20-0086.FAQs_Perkins.pdf))
- *Partial waiver for equipment fiscal restriction (above)* Districts may donate unused PPE and utilize equipment purchased with Federal funds to donate to local, State, Federal, Tribal, and Territorial public health agencies, as well as licensed private nonprofit hospitals and other licensed health providers responding to the Novel Coronavirus disease (COVID-19). ([April 14, 2020 USDOE memo](#) [https://s3.amazonaws.com/PCRN/docs/20-0114\\_Guidance\\_on\\_Donation\\_or\\_Loan\\_of\\_PPE.pdf](https://s3.amazonaws.com/PCRN/docs/20-0114_Guidance_on_Donation_or_Loan_of_PPE.pdf))