

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for the Integrated Education and Training Grant (FY2020)

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Grantor: Illinois Community College Board

Funding Sources: Perkins Leadership (federal), Adult Education and Family Literacy Leadership (federal)

Grant Period: October 1, 2019-June 30, 2020

Application Deadline: September 6, 2019, 5 p.m. CST to cte@iccb.state.il.us

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Responses apply to the use of funds of both Perkins Leadership and Adult Education Leadership unless otherwise specified. In general, Perkins funds can be used to support the CTE portion of the IET as long as the related expenses are allowable under Perkins. Meanwhile, the Adult Education funding can support the adult basic education and related activities portion of the IET.

- 1. Can funds be used for professional development? Yes.**
- 2. What are the parameters for supplanting?** Funds should supplement, not supplant, non-federal funds expended for grant activities. Supplanting is presumed to occur in the following circumstances. An eligible recipient uses Perkins or Adult Education funds to provide services that the recipient:
 - (1) was required to make available under other federal, state, or local law.
 - (2) was provided with non-federal funds the year prior.It is very important the provider maintain good financial records to be able to document that the federal funds supplement rather than supplant funding.
- 3. When does the piloting of the IET program have to take place?** Grantees must pilot or implement the selected IET programming in Spring of 2020 or Fall of 2020.
- 4. Can organizations apply for the grant if the entity did not receive Adult Education and Family Literacy funding in FY2020? No.**
- 5. Can these funds be used to pay for industry-recognized certifications or licensing exams?** Yes, but funding must be obligated by June 30 and expended by August 31, 2019. Additionally, only students with demonstrated financial need may be covered unless the institution determines that the certification or exam is directly related to achieving program outcomes.
- 6. Can these funds pay for tuition and fees for students? No.**
- 7. What are some examples of what these funds can pay for?** Curriculum development, professional development, equipment, meeting expenses, materials and supplies, instruction,

support services, consultant fees, and related travel. All expenditures must be directly related to the scope and goals of the grant.

- 8. Is “direct student support” an allowable expense?** Students are never to receive these funds directly. However, under certain circumstances, federal funds may be used to provide direct assistance (e.g. transportation, childcare, textbooks, supplies) to students who are members of a Special Population (defined by Perkins) or have a demonstrated financial need or barrier. The following conditions must be met:
 - Funds must supplement and not supplant assistance that is otherwise available from non-federal sources.
 - Funds must be issued on a reimbursement basis.
- 9. Can these funds be used to pay for textbooks?** Yes, as long as the college or provider maintains ownership of the books. Students cannot keep the books. As stated, Perkins funds can support CTE-specific textbooks only.
- 10. Can funds be used to pay for HSE testing fees?** No
- 11. What types of activities, in all circumstances, are not allowed to be paid for using IET grant funds?** Costs for alcoholic beverages, bad debt and related legal costs, donations and contributions, fines and penalties, entertainment, lobbying activities, fundraising, intramural activities, student publications, student clubs, and promotional/giveaway items are not allowed. (This list is not all inclusive.)
- 12. In determining proposed grant expenditures, what resources should be considered?** In addition to Section 124 of the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V) and Sections 203 and 231 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, these funds are subject to the Education Department General Administrative Regulations ([EDGAR Part 2 CFR 200](#)). The ICCB has provided guidance through a number of documents including the [CTE Grant Manual](#) and the [Adult Education Family Literacy Provider Manual](#).