

FY2024 Perkins Leadership Grant **Frequently Asked Questions**

- 1) Q. Would the establishment of a food pantry that includes other items for parents such as diapers etc. be something that could be an acceptable cost for this grant?**

A. Applicants are permitted to use funds to support student-centered initiatives that oftentimes affect a number of special populations students. Examples of assistance can include, but are not limited to, addressing food insecurity, transportation and childcare needs, textbook loans/lending library, etc. *Please note that Perkins funds cannot be given directly to students.*
- 2) Q. Our college intends to develop career academy youth camps for summer 2024. These would be open to the public and a fee would be charged for participation. Under objective 3, could Perkins Leadership grant funding be used to pay the student fee/tuition for the camp assuming the camps are aligned with our CTE programs, and we are recruiting from and engaging with local community partners?**

A. Perkins funds cannot be used to support an individual participant's costs for attending a camp or anything of the like, especially if the individual is not currently enrolled as a student in a CTE program at the college.
- 3) Q. While the grant has 5% indirect for costs not readily assignable to the project, can grant funds outside of that 5% be allocated to the staff person with direct oversight of the grant project? For example, if we know that our youth coordinator will spend X% of her time developing and implementing the grant project, can grant dollars be used to fund X% of her salary?**

A. Yes, grant funds can be used to pay the salary of those individuals directly responsible for carrying out grant activities.
- 4) Can the grant fund lunch for students who are with us all day engaged in career exploration?**

A. There is generally a high burden of proof to meet when using Perkins funds to purchase food. Typically, it *is* allowable to purchase lunch for an all-day meeting. Breakfast, dinner, and snacks are not allowable food purchases.
- 5) Can the grant fund shirts for the students?**

A. Shirts and other promotional items are not allowable purchases with Perkins funds.
- 6) We were considering putting a Complete to Keep Project in our proposal. The project would allow those that completed a CTE program to keep the**

new Loaner Laptop that was provided for them after they completed program requirements. Would this be an allowable item for this grant?

- A. While this is a worthwhile activity, Perkins funds are more restrictive when it comes to students receiving goods directly. The sustainability/reasonable use of funds of this activity may also be a factor since it will be expensive to replace the stock of laptops after a graduating class. If students will be utilizing them post-graduation to job search, create resumes, etc., then perhaps an alternative could be to imbed those activities within the program, or set aside time during the course for the students to go to the student support center to receive those wrap-around support services.