

FY2026 Perkins Leadership Grant Frequently Asked Questions

1. Page 3 of the NOFO discusses braiding funding with the Trades grant. Would we need to braid funding with the FY 25 grant, or should we demonstrate how to braid with the FY 26 grant we are writing?

***Answer:** You would need to braid funds with the FY2026 Trades Grant you are writing for. The FY2025 Trades grant ends on December 31, 2025, while the grant period is January 15, 2026- June 30, 2027 for the FY2026 Perkins Leadership and FY2026 Trades grants.*

2. Is paying tuition allowed?

***Answer:** No, paying tuition is not allowed with the FY2026 Perkins Leadership Funds. However, applicants may use additional funding sources to support the activities included within the application.*

3. What are state CTE match funds? (regular Perkins?)

***Answer:** Perkins requires that states match the federal Perkins allocation. State CTE match funds refers to the State CTE formula grant, where the State's Perkins match is vouched to colleges by ICCB using a formula based on CTE funded hours. The funds are separate from the federal Perkins grant. For questions on how your specific college utilizes State CTE funds, please contact your fiscal/business office.*

4. Can you please clarify the review criteria? The percentages listed for each criteria add up to 63% rather than 100%.

***Answer:** Percentages were inadvertently added. The rubric includes points, not percentages. The highest possible score is 63 points. The review criteria is as follows:*

***Basic Information:** 5 points*

***Statement of Need:** 10 points*

***Overall Project Goals and Outcomes / Indicators of Performance:** 11 points*

***Project Work Plan:** 16 points*

***Partnerships:** 5 points*

***Capacity, Effectiveness, and Contingency Plan:** 10 points*

***Overall Application Quality:** 3 points*

***Priority Points:** 3 points*

5. Will this grant be managed in AmpliFund?

***Answer:** No, this grant will not be managed in AmpliFund.*