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Chapter Comm 4

GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION CAREER ACADEMIES

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Comm 4.01 Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to establish procedures for the submission and approval of grants for construction career academies as provided by s. 101.31, Stats.

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Comm 4.02 Definitions. In this chapter, “department” means the department of commerce.

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Comm 4.10 Eligibility. (1) (a) Only applicants meeting all of the criteria specified in s. 101.31 (2) and (3), Stats., are eligible for grants under this chapter.

Note: Section 101.31 (2) and (3), Stats., reads:

(2) An organization is eligible for a grant under this section if it proposes to operate a construction career academy that meets the following minimum criteria:

(a) It has established a partnership between a school board operating a high school, or a local business or sponsoring organization, and a technical college district board or baccalaureate degree granting institution in which the partners have committed to participate in the operation of the construction career academy for a minimum of 3 years.

(b) It provides high school pupils with the opportunity to receive up to 3 years of training in construction-related careers.

(c) It incorporates industry concepts into core academic areas.

(d) It incorporates into its curriculum work experience in construction-related industries.

(e) It coordinates classroom credits with a technical college district or with a baccalaureate degree granting institution.

(f) It uses a learning community curriculum approved by the department in consultation with the department of public instruction.

(g) It awards a certificate of recognition to each pupil who successfully completes the construction career academy’s plan of study.

(3) The recipient of a grant under this section shall provide matching funds equal to 50 percent of the grant amount awarded to the recipient.

(b) Grants may only be awarded for construction career academies located in Wisconsin.

(c) An applicant who has failed to comply with any condition imposed by the statutes or the department on any previous grant received under this chapter is not eligible to apply for another grant.

(2) A grant awarded under this chapter shall only be used to cover the costs established under s. 101.31 (4), Stats.

Note: Section 101.31 (4), Stats., reads:

(4) The recipient of a grant under this section may use the grant funds only for the following purposes:

(a) To purchase materials and equipment, fund field trips, and make improvements to facilities, or for other specific needs relating to the construction career academy.

(b) For developing a core curriculum, for professional development, or for other administrative needs of the recipient.

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Comm 4.11 Application. (1) (a) 1. The department shall solicit applications for grants under this chapter by notice in the official state newspaper.

Note: The official state newspaper is the Wisconsin State Journal.

2. The department may solicit applications for grants under this chapter on more than one occasion.

(b) The department shall accept grant applications for a time period of not less than 15 and not more than 30 days following each solicitation for applications.

(2) (a) An application for a grant under this chapter shall be submitted to the department on a form specified by the department.

Note: Application forms are available from the Department of Commerce, Safety and Buildings Division, P.O. Box 2689, Madison, WI 53701-2689, telephone 608/267-7201, or at the Safety and Buildings Web site at www.commerce.wi.gov/SB/.

(b) An application submitted by an eligible applicant shall address the criteria under s. 101.31 (2) and (3), Stats.

(3) The department shall evaluate an application based upon the criteria under s. 101.31 (2), Stats.

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Comm 4.12 Awarding of grants. (1) (a) The amount of an award shall be limited pursuant to s. 101.31 (5), Stats.

Note: Section 101.31 (4), Stats., reads:

(5) (a) The department may award a grant for the purposes described under sub. (4) (a) in an amount that equals not more than \$900 for each pupil enrolled in the construction career academy at the time that the award is granted.

(b) The department may award a grant for the purposes described under sub. (4) (b) in an amount not exceeding \$50,000.

(b) Department may prorate grant awards, if there are more successful applicants than funds.

(2) (a) Successful applicants shall be required to enter into a contract with the department for the purpose of implementing the proposed grant.

(b) The contract shall be signed by the secretary of the department and the person or persons authorized by the applicant to enter into the contract.

(c) The department may void a contract and seek a return of any funds released under the contract for failure by the recipient to perform its obligations under the contract.

(d) Amendments to these contracts may be adopted by the consent of both parties.

(3) (a) Each successful applicant shall provide the department periodic reimbursement documentation and program reports on the project in accordance with the contract.

(b) A financial audit and final program report shall be submitted at the end of each contract.

(c) The financial audit shall be performed to the satisfaction of the department.

(d) The reimbursement documentation, audit and program reports shall be submitted to the department by a date specified in the contract.

(e) The reimbursement documentation, financial audit and the program reports become the property of the department and are open to public inspection.

(4) The department shall release grant funds after review and acceptance of the required reimbursement documentation.

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