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Advanced Technology Education and Training Fund

- (1) The Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development is authorized to make grants to public-private partnerships to provide advanced technical education and training opportunities created under ORS Chapter 798.
- (2) For purposes of this rule a public-private partnership is defined as a joint venture among business and industry, school districts, education service districts, eligible post-secondary institutions as defined in ORS 348.180 and public bodies as defined in ORS 174.109.
- (3) Money granted from this fund must be used to:
 - (a) Address current and future workforce development needs;
 - (b) Facilitate sustainable economic development through flexible opportunities for workforce development;
 - (c) Establish results oriented investments of public and private resources in Oregon communities;
 - (d) Ensure that Oregon's capacity for economic growth is not limited by a lack of opportunity;
 - (e) Provide support to existing community efforts for delivering advanced technology education and training.
- (4) Grants will be awarded on a competitive procurement process defined by the department and consideration will be given to ensure geographical distribution throughout Oregon for rural and urban access to quality education and training opportunities.
- (5) A grant shall not exceed \$25,000.
- (6) Priority for awarding grants will be to those applications with advanced technology education and training projects that:
 - (a) Provide or increase local and regional access to advanced technology education and training through career centers, partnerships and distance education technology;
 - (b) In combination with other projects receiving funds, contribute to advanced technology education and training opportunities in every part of the state;
 - (c) Use federal funds;
 - (d) Have documented community support;
 - (e) Represent an effective sharing of resources through public-private partnerships;
 - (f) Have a long-term strategic plan;

- (g) Provide state-of-the-art technology that addresses local and regional economic development priorities;
 - (h) Help individuals connect education and training with career planning and job opportunities through local and regional career centers;
 - (i) Provide articulated education programs that lead to a degree or an industry-specific skills certification; and
 - (j) Establish short-term training programs that meet the immediate needs of local employers in their communities.
- (7) Private-public partnerships awarded a grant shall use the grant for:
- (a) Infrastructure construction or reconstruction;
 - (b) Equipment or technology purchases;
 - (c) Curriculum development; and
 - (d) Expanding or revising a current project to increase the capacity of the project, alter the project plan, change the members of a partnership or address education or employment deficiencies in the community served by the public-private partnership.
- (8) Grant applications must be made on forms provided by the Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development. Completed applications must identify:
- (a) The names of members of the public-private partnership
 - (b) A description of standards used to assess project performance
 - (c) An estimated number of individuals served by the project:
 - (d) The name of a fiscal agent of the public-private partnership
 - (e) Two-year project plan; and
 - (f) The name of the person responsible for convening the public-private partnership regularly.

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