

2019-20 PDE Career & Technical Education Competitive Equipment Grant

Grant Overview: The purpose of the Career and Technical Education Equipment Grant program is to purchase equipment for programs that meet industry standards. Grants must be used to purchase equipment for the purpose of training students (i.e., hands-on use of the equipment) in approved career and technical education programs. The career and technical education programs must align with the following Pennsylvania targeted industry cluster areas and the specific high-priority jobs within each cluster area:

MATCHING FUNDS REQUIRED. The CTE Equipment Grant is a 50/50 matching grant.

The administration is proposing the purchase of a mobile welding system for the Welding Program of Study at the Warren County Career Center. The equipment will replace a unit that has failed. The Welding Occupational Advisory Committee is expected to officially recommend the purchase at its next meeting.

The administration is currently working to secure quotes for the item in question. Current estimates are that the unit will cost approximately \$28,000. Because the grant is a 50/50 matching competition, the proposed financing of the grant is as follows:

- \$14,000 – Competitive Equipment Grant
- \$14,000 – Matching funds from the WCSD

Amount of Award: \$14,000

Due Date/Notification of Award: Due November 8, 2019. Notification date unknown.

Alternatives if not Awarded: The proposed equipment will not be purchased without the grant funding.

WCSD Resources Required: At least 50% of the total proposal must be funded through a local match.

Administrative Recommendation: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to submit an application for \$14,000 in funding to the Career & Technical Education Competitive Equipment Grant for a mobile welding system for student instruction at the Warren County Career Center and will commit up to an additional \$14,000 in matching funds if the grant is awarded.