

## **2021-22 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 CNC Wire Electrical Discharge Machining (EDM) unit for the Machine Technology Program of Study at the Warren County Career Center. The equipment is used extensively by local and regional employers in the field. The Machine Technology Occupational Advisory Committee has recommended the purchase at its October 2021 meeting.

Current estimates are that the unit will cost approximately \$116,900.00. Because the grant is a 50/50 matching competition, the proposed financing of the grant is as follows:

- \$50,000 – Competitive Equipment Grant
- \$66,900 – Matching funds from the WCSD

Amount of Award: \$50,000.00

Due Date/Notification of Award: Due November 8, 2021. 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 \$50,000 in funding to the Career & Technical Education Competitive Equipment Grant for a CNC Wire Electrical Discharge Machining (EDM) unit for student instruction at the Warren County Career Center and will commit up to an additional \$66,900 in matching funds if the grant is awarded.