

# Workforce Education Fund

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## Overview

In 2013, the South Dakota Legislature passed SB 235, which established the Building South Dakota (BSD) Fund. According to the bill, each year 30% of the BSD fund is to be transferred to the Workforce Education Fund (WEF). Initially, WEF dollars were to be used for three purposes: to cover the State's share of the Limited English Proficiency (LEP) adjustment in the State Aid to General Education Funding formula for fiscal years 2014 through 2016; to provide secondary career and technical education grants; and to provide additional one-time funding to school districts.

Over the years, those purposes have been modified by the Legislature. The State's share of the LEP adjustment is now covered with general funds through the General State Aid to Education formula. The one-time funding to school districts was changed to provide for one-time education enhancement programs. And, in 2018, the Legislature passed SB 81, which limited the fund to providing grants for new and existing secondary career and technical education programs.

This report provides information regarding the secondary career and technical education (CTE) grants.

## **Secondary Career and Technical Education Grants** **(Workforce Education Grants)**

### Overview:

For FY2014 through FY2016, funds of up to \$1.5 million remaining after the LEP adjustment was fully funded were to be used to fund new and existing CTE programs. The fund was first able to reach this benchmark during FY2016. During the 2016 legislative session, this amount was increased to \$2.5 million beginning in FY2017. A provision was added that allowed up to \$250,000 to be distributed to private, nonprofit entities that specialize in career and technical education. The grants are known as the Workforce Education Grants.

The Workforce Education Grants provide school districts and private, nonprofit entities in South Dakota the opportunity to make transformative change in CTE programs. High quality CTE programs give students the knowledge, skills, and experiences to be well prepared for postsecondary education and the workforce. Partnerships among secondary education, postsecondary education, and business and industry lay the foundation for modern CTE programs. These grants efficiently increase the number of students with access to high quality CTE programs in the state.

### Who is Eligible:

Eligible applicants are Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and private, nonprofit entities with projects designed to serve middle and high school students. Entities that are awarded grants will serve as fiscal agents through the completion of their projects. All applications must demonstrate commitment by all grant partners to the grant project and its sustainability following the conclusion of the grant.

Proposed projects must meet the following criteria:

1. Build, reform or enhance an approved secondary CTE program;
2. Align to high-skill, high-demand, and high-wage careers and postsecondary education programs in South Dakota; and
3. Demonstrate the ability to complete the project.

Proposed projects must fall within one or more of the following categories:

1. Evaluation for alignment to postsecondary education and workforce demands;
2. Development of career pathways or programs of study;
3. Development of career guidance or work-based learning programs;
4. Educator training;
5. Facilities;
6. Equipment; or
7. Instructional materials.

The Workforce Education Grants are awarded through a competitive submission and review process. As such, grant teams are expected to make significant and meaningful improvements to CTE programs; applications should not be one-off projects for small equipment purchases, student transportation, or similar activities. Projects should be completed within 18 months, and a one-to-one match is required.

Priority is given to projects that demonstrate one or more of the following characteristics and meet the requirements outlined in SD Administrative Rule 24:10:47:

- A project evaluating local CTE systems for the purposes of redesigning approved secondary CTE programs;
- An innovative project demonstrating alignment to postsecondary education and South Dakota workforce needs and including work-based learning, dual or concurrent credit courses and any applicable CTSO;
- A project which includes collaboration between multiple secondary schools;
- A project demonstrating partnerships with postsecondary education and business or industry;
- A project including industry-grade practices, equipment, and student certifications;
- A project integrating academic content, work-readiness skills, and entrepreneurship education;
- A project increasing access to and support for approved secondary CTE programs in rural areas;
- A project including plans for sustainability;
- A project which supports the retention of highly effective teachers, career counselors, and administrators for approved secondary CTE programs.

### **Grants Awarded:**

Grants totaling \$6,592,727.81 have been awarded from FY2016 through the end of FY2022. A complete history of school districts and other entities awarded Workforce Education Grants can be found at the end of this report.

A snapshot of typical projects and the impact they make include:

**Huron School District**

To provide every opportunity possible to the students at the Huron School District (HSD), the district expanded their CTE space to allow more CTE course offerings in a climate-controlled environment. This expansion added an additional 3,680 square feet to their existing CTE building. With the expansion, the HSD has increased enrollment in CTE courses. The district now can offer more pathways to K-12. With the increased availability to CTE courses, students of all ages will have the opportunity to expand their knowledge about different careers.

**Rosholt School District**

The Rosholt School District utilized the award to build an up-to-date facility which includes the safest and latest equipment that meets industry standards. This provides their learners the opportunity to acquire skills needed to gain employment in a variety of high-need careers not only in the Rosholt area, but all of South Dakota. The new facility also allowed the district to add additional CTE programs which include the Manufacturing and Transportation clusters. With the additional program offerings, students now have exposure to an abundance of careers.

**Mitchell School District**

To remain current in the automotive field the Mitchell School District (MSD) pursued the route of updating their equipment. Due to the ever-changing technology in the automotive field the MSD now can offer a more efficient, productive work environment for its students with the updated equipment. The MSD has also increased their community partnerships in this area. Individuals from Vern Eide Ford and Iverson Auto spoke to the students in the automotive courses about the importance of updated equipment and how the skills learned can be transferred to industry. Overall, the MSD students have felt more confident and have enjoyed working with the newly updated equipment.

As of September 6, 2022, there are eight Workforce Education Grants open with a balance of \$1,405,353.51 remaining on the grants. Details of the open grants are in the table on the next page:

School District/Entity	Grant Year	Total Awarded	Balance to Date	Description
Brookings School District	2021	\$ 204,000.00	\$ 204,000.00	Purchase industry-grade robotics and mechatronics equipment to support the manufacturing program.
Edmunds Central School District	2021	\$ 142,453.51	\$ 142,453.51	Create an Agriculture innovation lap and curriculum development.
Bon Homme School District	2022	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 225,000.00	Construct a CTE lab to expand current space.
Bridgewater-Emery School District	2022	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 225,000.00	Construct a new CTE building.
Canistota School District	2022	\$ 40,400.00	\$ 40,400.00	Update and remodel the Hospitality program and provide teacher training
Florence School District	2022	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 225,000.00	Construct a new building to expand the STEM and Ag, Food and Natural Resources clusters.
Spearfish School District	2022	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 225,000.00	Construct a new CTE building
Tea Area School District	2022	\$ 118,500.00	\$ 118,500.00	Add a greenhouse and start an Ag, Food and Natural Resources cluster.
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 1,405,353.51</b>	<b>\$ 1,405,353.51</b>	

\*Grant Agreements can be found at [www.open.sd.gov](http://www.open.sd.gov). For more information, visit <https://doe.sd.gov/cte/WEG.aspx>

The complete history of CTE grants is detailed in the table that follows:

School District/Entity	Fiscal Year Grant was Awarded	Grant Agreement Number*	Grant Award End Date	Grant Award Amount	Amount reimbursed in FY 2018	Amount reimbursed in FY 2019	Amount reimbursed in FY 2020	Amount reimbursed FY 2021	Amount reimbursed FY 2022	Amount reimbursed YTD FY 2023 As of 9/06/2022	Grant Amount Dismissed After Final Grant Payment	Balance Remaining
Gayville-Volin School District	2016	2016G-526	12/28/2017	100,000.00	99,995.19	-	-	-	-	-	4.81	(0.00)
Meade School District	2016	2016G-473	09/01/2017	28,504.64	27,689.88	-	-	-	-	-	814.76	(0.00)
Mitchell School District	2016	2016G-484	09/01/2017	107,233.00	99,071.82	-	-	-	-	-	8,161.18	(0.00)
Rapid City School District	2016	2016G-479	09/01/2017	43,446.00	35,120.04	-	-	-	-	-	8,325.96	-
Webster School District	2016	2016G-482	12/28/2017	43,000.00	39,691.94	-	-	-	-	-	3,308.06	(0.00)
<b>Grant Year Totals:</b>				<b>322,183.64</b>	<b>301,568.87</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>20,614.77</b>	<b>(0.00)</b>
Aberdeen Development Corporation	2017	2017G-600	11/01/2018	250,000.00	108,505.42	140,716.09	-	-	-	-	778.49	0.00
Armour School District	2017	2017G-594	07/31/2018	17,495.00	17,495.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Belle Fourche School District	2017	2017G-595	11/14/2018	500,000.00	500,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brookings School District	2017	2017G-604	07/31/2018	493,500.00	-	314,961.57	-	-	-	-	178,538.43	-
Hitchcock-Tulare School District	2017	2017G-180	09/01/2017	33,169.00	32,978.58	-	-	-	-	-	190.42	(0.00)
Lennox School District	2017	2017G-603	06/30/2018	41,323.00	41,323.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
McIntosh School District	2017	2017G-602	07/31/2018	76,000.00	55,550.00	20,450.00	-	-	-	-	-	-

Northwestern Area School District	2017	2017G-605	11/01/2018	74,505.35	14,326.35	54,797.47	-	-	-	-	5,381.53	0.00
Pierre School District	2017	2017G-601	07/31/2018	244,500.00	219,684.32	24,815.68	-	-	-	-	-	(0.00)
Platte-Geddes School District	2017	2017G-599	06/29/2018	95,000.00	95,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Redfield School District	2017	2017G-440	08/20/2018	55,575.00	-	34,042.38	-	-	-	-	21,532.62	0.00
Sioux Falls Career & Technical Education Academy	2017	2017G-181	12/28/2017	99,760.00	91,661.28	-	-	-	-	-	8,098.72	0.00
Webster School District	2017	2017G-597	11/01/2018	133,158.00	133,158.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yankton School District	2017	2017G-179	11/01/2017	278,400.00	277,738.04	-	-	-	-	-	661.96	0.00
Yankton School District	2017	2017G-593	12/01/2018	250,000.00	-	249,654.20	-	-	-	-	345.80	(0.00)
<b>Grant Year Totals:</b>				<b>2,642,385.35</b>	<b>1,587,419.99</b>	<b>839,437.39</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>215,527.97</b>	<b>0.00</b>
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Estelline School District	2018	2018G-571	12/01/2019	150,000.00	-	57,370.32	46,490.35	-	-	-	46,139.33	(0.00)
Meade School District	2018	2018G-570	12/01/2019	22,000.00	-	21,951.22	-	-	-	-	48.78	(0.00)
Milbank School District	2018	2018G-572	12/01/2019	44,424.00	-	-	44,423.52	-	-	-	0.48	-
Mitchell Area Development	2018	2018G-577	12/01/2019	79,984.00	-	79,984.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mitchell School District	2018	2018G-569	12/01/2019	46,429.00	-	46,429.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
RTEC, Inc.	2018	2018G-573	12/01/2019	45,540.00	-	38,869.50	6,408.00	-	-	-	262.50	-
<b>Grant Year Totals:</b>				<b>388,377.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>244,604.04</b>	<b>97,321.87</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46,451.09</b>	<b>(0.00)</b>





Edmunds Central School District	2021	2021G -760	12/01/2022	142,453.51	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	142,453.51
Rosholt School District	2021	2021G -761	12/01/2022	225,000.00	-	-	-	-	225,000.00	-	-	-
Mitchell School District	2021	2021G -762	12/01/2022	118,791.24	-	-	-	-	-	111,315.02	7,476.22	-
<b>Grant Year Totals:</b>				<b>690,244.75</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>225,000.00</b>	<b>111,315.02</b>	<b>7,476.22</b>	<b>346,453.51</b>
<b>Workforce Education Fund Grand Total</b>												
Bridgewater- Emery School District	2022	2022G -485	12/01/2023	225,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	225,000.00
Bon Homme School District	2022	2022G -486	12/01/2023	225,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	225,000.00
Florence School District	2022	2022G -487	12/01/2023	225,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	225,000.00
Tea Area School District	2022	2022G -488	12/01/2023	118,500.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	118,500.00
Spearfish School District	2022	2022G -491	12/01/2023	225,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	225,000.00
Canistota School District	2022	2022G -524	11/24/2023	40,400.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40,400.00
<b>Grant Year Totals:</b>				<b>1,058,900.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,058,900.00</b>
<b>Workforce Education Fund Grand Total</b>				<b>6,592,727.81</b>	<b>1,888,988.86</b>	<b>1,084,041.43</b>	<b>581,380.63</b>	<b>643,473.40</b>	<b>555,769.89</b>	<b>111,315.02</b>	<b>322,405.07</b>	<b>1,405,353.51</b>