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2023 Perkins Reserve Grant recipients announced

PIERRE, S.D. – Four South Dakota school districts have been chosen to receive South Dakota Perkins Reserve Grants, totaling \$151,993. These funds will be used to provide major equipment upgrades to career and technical education (CTE) programs.

The following school districts have received grant funding:

School District	Amount Awarded	Summary
Florence	\$32,714	Culinary lab equipment
Harrisburg	\$50,000	Electric vehicles
Northwestern Area	\$48,500	Ag metal fabrication equipment
Wilmot	\$20,779	Health Science program start-up

“Career and technical education must constantly evolve to keep up with ever-changing workforce needs,” said Secretary of Education Dr. Joseph Graves. “Grants like these help our schools stay on the cutting-edge, so they can offer students the most relevant hands-on learning possible.”

All approved CTE programs are encouraged to apply for these grants annually to enhance CTE programming to better serve special populations, to better align with workforce demands, or to spark innovative delivery methods. The equipment enhancements made possible through these grants will make transformative changes in these districts’ CTE programs. High quality CTE programs give students the knowledge, skills, and experiences to be prepared for postsecondary education and the workforce.

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