

LCTCS' Administration of Perkins V for Postsecondary Subrecipients

The Louisiana Constitution authorizes the Board of Regents to plan, coordinate, and manage the budget for Louisiana's public higher education community. The agency also serves as the state liaison to Louisiana's accredited and independent institutions of higher learning. The Board of Regents is a policymaking and coordinating board only. It is not directly involved in overseeing the day-to-day operations of college campuses. For the purposes of the Perkins grant, day-to-day operations are handled by the LCTCS, the Louisiana Carl Perkins Eligible Agency.

Funds are allocated to postsecondary subrecipients based on the number of **full-time** federal Pell Grant recipients enrolled in CTE programs and the number of **full-time** Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) supported students enrolled in approved CTE programs at institutions and those that are part of the consortium. **(LCTCS FY 2020-2021)**

Funds allocated to consortiums must be used for purposes and programs that are mutually beneficial to all members of the consortium. Pursuant to section 132(a)(3) of Perkins, funds may not be reallocated to individual members of the consortium based on the individual member's Pell Grant or WIOA count for purposes or programs benefitting only one member of the consortium.

The OCTAE approved allocation formula for the **LCTCS FY 2021-2022 and hereafter**, duplicates the count of students in CTE programs that:

- Receive Pell assistance = 1.0
- Receive WIOA assistance = 1.0
- Participates in an approved Integrated Education and Training (IET) model that is part of an approved Perkins Eligible CTE Program of Study, through the WorkReady U program = 0.25
- Completes an approved IET model that is part of an approved Perkins Eligible CTE Program of Study, through the WorkReady U program = 1.0

For additional information see *Allocation of Federal Funds, Step 1*.

Each subrecipient has a Perkins Coordinator who is responsible for the administration of the Perkins program at the subrecipient's institution. Additionally, each subrecipient has a Certified Perkins Representative who is responsible for reviewing and approving all subrecipient expenditures for allowability (see *Financial Management System: Overview of LCTCS Financial Management/Accounting System* section for more information).

Use of Funds at the State Level

This section discusses the specific uses for which a state is authorized to spend its Perkins allocation, and how much shall be expended within specific categories. As specified in the Act, Section 112, Louisiana's funds are allocated and distributed among four categories:

- State Administration;
- State Leadership;
- Formula Distribution to Eligible Subrecipients; and
- Reserve Grants.

Administration

Pursuant to section 112(a)(3) of Perkins V, a State shall spend no more than 5% or \$250,000, whichever is greater, for administration of the state plan. Administrative activities include:

- Developing the State plan;
- Reviewing local application plans;
- Monitoring and evaluating program effectiveness;
- Assuring compliance with all applicable federal laws;
- Providing technical assistance; and
- Supporting and developing State data systems relevant to the provisions of the Perkins V Act.

The LCTCS typically spends its administrative allocation primarily on salaries, and a nominal amount on equipment, supplies, and other consumables necessary to administer the Perkins V program. As noted below, there is a matching requirement under the administration allocation. The State must match, with non-federal funds and on a dollar-for-dollar basis, all Perkins funds spent on administration.

Leadership

The LCTCS will continue to use Leadership funds to improve CTE for activities that support:

- Preparation for non-traditional fields;
- Programs for special populations, individuals in state institutions, CTE faculty/personnel; and
- Technical assistance for eligible subrecipients.

Pursuant to section 112(a)(2) of Perkins, a state may not spend more than 10% on leadership activities. Under Perkins V, the Leadership Funds now have permissive use of funds. The permissive use of funds provides greater flexibility than the Perkins IV required use of funds. See Section 124(b) for examples of permissible leadership activities. Additionally, as a required set-aside, the state must spend an amount equal to, and not more than 2% of this 10% to serve individuals in state institutions, such as state correctional institutions, juvenile justice facilities, and educational institutions that serve individuals with disabilities.

“Pass-Through” to Eligible Subrecipients

Pursuant to section 112(a)(1) of Perkins V, at least 85% of a state’s Perkins grant must be distributed to eligible subrecipients. The LCTCS appropriates the optional reserve funds of which up to 15% of the 85% for uses consistent with section 135(b) but may not be allocated outside the section 132 formula. The reserve allocation is explained in more detail in the next section.