

## Choice Ready Assessment Grant Opportunity Frequently Asked Questions

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### **Will the completed scoring rubric be made available to applicants?**

**A:** Yes, the completed rubric will be shared with applicants when they receive notice as to whether their application has been approved.

### **How many applications can an entity submit?**

**A:** Each eligible entity can submit one application.

- 157 public high schools completing a Choice Ready Report – Each is eligible to submit one application.
- 31 Special Education Units – Each is eligible to submit one application.
- 10 CTE Centers – Each is eligible to submit one application.

### **Are the grant funds intended to supplement, or can they be supplanted? For example, can they be used for industry certification purchases?**

**A:** These grant funds are to supplement or add to the funds currently being used. The purpose of the grant is to provide more opportunities so more students can graduate Choice Ready.

### **Are the Choice Ready Grant trainings posted on the NDDPI website?**

**A:** Yes, you can find them [here](#).

### **If we have five different CTE Directors and they all have different needs, can they all apply?**

**A:** No, each of the ten CTE centers can submit one application. Therefore, if there are multiple directors under the overarching umbrella, they would need to work together to complete one application.

### **Can Elementary or Middle School Principals apply for a Choice Ready Grant?**

**A:** No, an elementary or middle school is not eligible to apply for a Choice Ready Grant. There is definitely value in providing elementary/middle school students with career awareness opportunities, however, the Choice Ready Framework is part of the high school accountability system, and therefore only high schools can apply.

### **Is this a one-time opportunity or a yearly grant process?**

**A:** At this time, the Choice Ready Grant is a one-time opportunity, unless an unobligated funding source would become available.

### **Can the grant funds be used to pay students for an internship they may be doing for school?**

**A:** Unfortunately, no. Federal funds cannot be used to pay students.

### **Can the Choice Ready Grant be used to pay for online classes offered by virtual CTE Centers?**

**A:** Yes, the grant can pay for any approved online courses, as they would address an element within the Essential Skills section.

**If an applicant has multiple projects under \$20,000, should they still submit multiple applications or roll it into one?**

**A:** Applicants should roll all projects into one application since each entity can only submit one application.

**Essential skills assess for 21<sup>st</sup> century skills and workforce ready assesses for career readiness practices. If there is overlap in the characteristics identified for both, can we use the same assessment tools and documentation?**

**A:** Yes, most definitely.