

Industry Recognized Credentials Reserve Grant Competition
Fall 2021
Frequently Asked Questions

1. What feedback will be offered to applicants by NHDOE
 - Applicants will receive their application scores.

2. Will the NHDOE release data on the total sum of applications submitted and themes they may have observed within this RFA process?
 - Number of applications submitted on website, along with numbers of awards
 - Themes shared as separate report attached to weekly Directors Update

2. What is the timeline for notifying applicants of a winning or declined proposal?
 - 30 days after submission

3. Will the review of applications be blind or will reviewers know the center/school name and the individuals submitting the proposal?
 - Because it will be impractical to redact any or all identifying information from each application, the review will not be blind. The independent reviewers will know the center or school applying.

4. Where can I view the application and the IRC rubric?
 - <https://www.education.nh.gov/who-we-are/division-of-learner-support/bureau-of-career-development>

5. When is the end date for the funding period? When does the activity need to be completed?
 - All activities for with costs obligated for reimbursement must be completed in advance of August 22, the end of the Perkins project period.

6. If I have more than one idea, can I submit more than one application for my CTE center?
 - Yes. Each separate proposal or idea for a separate set of activities to increase learner attainment of IRCs would be submitted as a separate application.
 - Each application would be judged on its own merits, scored against the rubric.

7. Can multiple CTE centers share costs in a single application?
 - No. Because this is a Perkins funded grant competition, the same rules apply to activities found in Section 135 of Perkins.
8. If an application scores below a 70 based on the rubric, does that mean the proposed activities outlined in the application wouldn't be funded?
 - The applications will be placed in ranked order. Applications receiving a score below 70 based on the rubric may be funded, at the discretion of the Department of Education.
9. The RFA states each section has a word count of no more than 300. How does that apply to sections with subsections?
 - The word count is intended to allow reviewers to quickly ascertain the content of the responses to prompts in the application and to score them against the rubric. Each section, including subsections contained in those sections should be no more than 300 words, or roughly a paragraph or two.
10. Will subsequent FAQ documents be released prior to October 25?
 - If eligible recipients pose more questions, the Bureau of Career Development will release one more FAQ document.