The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Professional Development grant is open for application submissions. To be eligible, applicants must plan to provide CTE professional development programs, including comprehensive professional development for CTE teachers, faculty, administrators, and career guidance and academic counselors at the secondary and postsecondary levels (Perkins Act of 2006, Sec. 124(b)(3)). These professional development programs must be high quality, sustained, intensive, and classroom-focused in order to have a positive and lasting impact on classroom instruction and the teacher’s performance in the classroom, and are not one-day or short-term workshops or conferences (Sec. 124(b)(3)(B)).

The Wyoming Department of Education will give special preference to schools districts or colleges that intend to use these funds to provide professional development or content specific training opportunities in-state that would be open for all CTE educators to attend.

The grant may be used to send one or more CTE professionals to a state or national conference, training or technical assistance related to innovation in CTE, developing career pathways,
integration of academics and CTE, federal accountability and reporting requirements for Perkins, or that may result in an industry-recognized credential for the professional. It may also be used to bring a speaker or trainer to the school or college to facilitate a CTE content-specific training (as long as it is not a one-day or short term training) that would be open to other CTE educators in the state to attend. The grant may not be used to pay for food and/or beverages or any other non-allowable uses of funds under the Carl D. Perkins Act of 2006.

Applications will be reviewed and scored by a grant review committee at the WDE, and amounts awarded will be equal to or less than $10,000.00. This application will be open for submission until March 1st, 2019 or until funds are no longer available. Applications will be reviewed as they are received. Grant recipients will be responsible for providing a comprehensive report detailing professional development outcomes that will be open for public review.

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