

Erie County Technical School

Director's Report

June 2024

Perkins Grant

Perkins Grant allocations were released and our allocated for \$351,640, unfortunately we are looking at a \$27K decrease from the 2023-2024 grant year. ECTS submitted for option C below with a few other changes and addition of items from list A.

Reminder, the LAC & Perkins Stakeholder Meetings were held on May 17 at ECTS. Here is a link to the handouts and presentation materials that were used at the meeting.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ewisUeXZKLDBLq1nhDxEwXYPVF3G25Ki?usp=drive_link

The Perkins Budget options for 2024-25 were presented at the meeting, Handout #7 in Google Folder and snipped below...

ECTS PERKINS GRANT SPENDING PLAN 2024-2025							
			Year	2023-2024	2024-2025 A	2024-2025 B	2024-2025 C
			Funding Total	\$378,905	\$378,905	\$416,796	\$341,015
	Item	Description	Current Budget	Budget Status Quo	Budget 10% Increase	Budget 10% Decrease	
1	Personnel Salaries	Instructional Aides for working with Special Populations	\$157,225	\$185,792	\$206,131	\$185,792	
2	Personnel Benefits	Instructional Aides for working with Special Populations	\$67,445	\$52,979	\$88,298	\$52,979	
3	Media Access	3rd Grade Activity Books - Nontraditional Students	\$4,635	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$4,000	
4	LifeTrack	Graduate Follow Up Surveys	\$3,105	\$3,300	\$3,300	\$3,300	
5	Skill USA	Student Memberships	\$753	\$950	\$950	\$950	
6	Student Travel	Career Exploration Trips & Skills USA to States & Districts	\$13,825	\$13,000	\$15,000	\$10,000	
7	Supplies for Special Populations	Supplies, PPE, & Tools for Special Populations	\$3,800	\$3,800	\$3,800	\$3,000	
8	Microsoft Teams	Software Licenses	\$9,582	\$9,600	\$9,600	\$9,600	
9	Adobe	Software Licenses for ADS CMN, GRA	\$2,460	\$2,460	\$2,460	\$2,460	
10	Industry Credentials	Purchase Industry Certifications for Special Populations	\$4,750	\$4,750	\$4,750	\$4,750	
11	Computers	COS, MTF, THM, ADS (2023) ; CNT, COS, HEA, THM, PMT (2024)	\$71,507	\$71,500	\$60,000	\$54,134	
12	CMN Technology	Fiber Optic Tool Kit; Fiber Optic Cable Tester	\$750				
13	CMP Technology	Labtop Cart, Various Computers (2023)	\$5,640	\$5,724			
14	CNT Tools	Various DeWalt tools (2023)	\$6,824				
15	FMT Tools	Thermal Cameras (2023)	\$2,850				
16	MFT Tools	Tungston Grinder, Plasma Torches (2023)	\$2,662				
17	WIN Learning	Site licence/software for Career Counseling	\$3,850	\$3,850	\$3,850	\$3,850	
18	CTE 360	Curriculum Software	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500	
19	Vector Solutions	Site license/software for SafeSchools Training	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$1,700	
20	FMT Equipment	Circuit Tracer (2023)	\$2,600				
21	THM Equipment	Freezer (2023)	\$2,175				
22	CNT Equipment	Disc Sander (2023)	\$1,710				
23	MFT Equipment	Positioner (2023)	\$4,557				
24	STS Equipment	Game Ready		\$3,500	\$3,500		
25	HEA Equipment	Mannequins		\$6,500	\$3,957		
		Sum	\$378,905	\$378,905	\$416,796	\$341,015	

ECTS Ribbon Cutting will be at 7:00pm August 21 during New Student Orientation

Reminder ECTS will run New Student Orientation on August 21 at 6pm as a replacement event. We are focusing on creating a great new student experience where each person feels supported and prepared to hit the ground running. We will have a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 7pm as part of that event for the completion of the Renovation then a Bon Fire afterward for the students for fun.

NWPA School Leader Summer Retreat (June 18)

The IU5 & IU6 summer retreat was held at the LaVerde Cottage in Henry's Bend, previously the IU6 retreats were held there for the last 3 years. Dr. Sherri Smith was the keynote speaker giving updates on the state budget, proposed legislation, and status of education across the state and nation. Senator Hutchinson spoke about the happenings in Harrisburg with budget talks and things on the education front. Our sponsors for the retreat were McLure and Garland Companies. Career and Technical Education was a popular subject in some of those discussions.

Solar Energy Project at ECTS

We have been exploring options for a Solar Energy Project at ECTS. Currently we have heard presentations from Solar Revolution and TEN Company. We are looking at three different types of funding options Direct Ownership, Power Purchase Agreement, and Lease programs. We are leaning toward looking to do a Direct Ownership model if all parties are agreeable and potentially using a Department of Energy Energy Loan Program at 0% interest for 20 years. The project is projected to be around \$3 million to install with an anticipated savings over 20 years of close to \$6 million at our current energy rates.

Renovation Report

- Lockers are being painted, fencing will be getting completed, punch lists and minor changes based on operations are being reviewed.
- The doors continue to be an issue as several doors were not fire rated high enough and have been switched out to metal doors.
- Controls continue to be an issue with HVAC, boilers, alarms, and balancing issues.
- We have been working with Kay-Twelve Education on an order of furniture for our computer based labs (DDE, CMP, CMN, GRA, & ADS) for over 6 months. We finalized the order before June 1 so that we would have the items installed in 8-10 weeks by August 20. The company has reported as of late last week that the manufacturer has pushed out the production 6-8 weeks, thus we are looking at installation in late September or early October. After reviewing a few other options from other manufactures that we didn't like, we decided to stay with the order and accept the delayed timeline.

School Resource or Police Officer

Three members of the Erie County Sheriff's office met with us on May 1 to discuss the future of the School Resource Officer position. At the meeting, they informed us that they can no longer supply Deputy Yeane to our school due to being short over a dozen positions in their department. We left it open to the possibility of them filling positions over the summer, but the outlook has not gotten any better. There for we are looking to move another direction to meet our school safety needs and hire a School Police Officer.

Student Spotlight – Most Outstanding Senior Award

Our senior awards ceremonies were held at ECTS on May 29 in four separate sessions. The Outstanding Senior Award for each Program is below...

Mallory Campbell  ADS	Fenton Shunk  CNT	Logan Zeiber-Harpster  EET	Calvin Smith  PMT
Jesse Larson  AUR	Alicia Nolan  COS	Thomas Baumann  FMT	Mila Gehrlein-Carpenter  STS
Andrew Baysek  AUT	Clayton Laughery  CUA	Angelina Caceres  GRA	Andrew Buchan  THM
Benjamin Maynard  CMN	Isaac Glover  DDE	Anne Thayer  HEA	Logan Iman  TRC
Srikar Rallapalli  CMP	Emmie Lewandowski  ECE	Tessa Bemiss  MTF	