



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

**DATE:** April 21, 2023

**TO:** Division Superintendents

**FROM:** Dr. Lisa Coons, Superintendent of Public Instruction

**SUBJECT:** **Career and Technical Education (CTE) Competitive Grant for Skilled Trades Programs**

The 2022 Special Session of the General Assembly awarded \$3 million in state funding to the CTE competitive skilled trades grant. These grants shall provide one-time assistance to divisions to establish, expand, or restore skilled trades programs in middle or high school. These grants support programs offering industry-recognized certifications or credentials that are in demand by regional employers and that lead to employment opportunities. Funds shall be used to support equipment, curriculum development, and instructor training that are relevant to the 21st century workforce.

Twenty-four competitive grants will be awarded in the amount of \$125,000 each. The CTE Competitive Skilled Trades Grants Application (Attachment A) is due to the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) by **May 15, 2023**. The completed application should consist of contact information, an abstract of the proposed instructional programs and course competencies, detailed budget, and statement of assurance.

If you have questions, please contact the VDOE's Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education at (804) 225-3349 or [cte@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:cte@doe.virginia.gov).

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**Attachment:**

- A. [CTE Competitive Grant for Skilled Trades Programs Application](#) (Word)