

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Review (Information) Item:

New Skills for Youth Grant

Rationale:

Kentucky is one of 10 states selected in January 2017 to receive a \$2 million grant to strengthen and expand career education pathways for students. The state grants, which are being distributed over three years, are part of the \$75 million, five-year New Skills for Youth Initiative (NSFY) developed by JPMorgan Chase, in collaboration with the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) and Advance CTE. NSFY aims to strengthen career-focused education starting in high school and ending with postsecondary degrees and credentials aligned with high-skill jobs.

The Kentucky Department of Education has utilized the funds to award nine Kentucky school districts with grants to strengthen and expand career and technical pathways for students. The planning grants (about \$115,000 each) are part of the NSFY, and provide an incentive for local districts to transition state-operated area technical centers and locally-operated technical centers into regional academies.

Three (3) academies will open August 2018 with six (6) new academies in planning phase during the 18-19 school year.

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

705 KAR 4:231

History/Background:

In January 2017, after a rigorous review process, which included examination of the state's plan to transform how it designs and develops career preparedness education programs; Kentucky was awarded a \$2 million New Skills for Youth Grant. The New Skills for Youth grant funds are being distributed in Kentucky through a competitive grant process consisting of three rounds that will take place from 2017 to 2019.

The Kentucky NSFY incentivizes the opportunity for local districts to transition state-operated area technical centers and locally-operated technical centers into regional academies. Accomplished through the collaboration of two or more school districts, a technical center, a postsecondary partner, a community partner, and employer

engagement, this initiative seeks to transform the delivery of career and technical education in Kentucky by:

- Increasing student access to dual credit opportunities and seamless postsecondary pathways
- Allowing students to earn industry recognized credentials
- Providing students Work-Based Learning (WBL) experiences
- Including career pathways leading to the top 5 industry sectors, as identified by the Kentucky Center for Education & Workforce Statistics (KCEWS).
- Each planning grant recipient will be eligible for up to \$115,000.

Existing Policy:

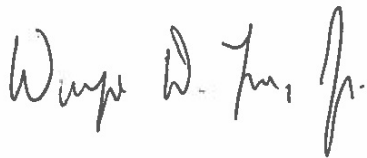
Summary: Cohort 1 academies include Burgin Independent, Corbin Independent, and Lee County. These academies open in August. The second cohort includes Mason County, Nelson County, Fulton County, Clinton County, Logan County and Breathitt County.

Budget Impact:

There is no additional budgetary impact on KDE. All expenses are covered through the JP Morgan Chase funding.

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