

Career Technical Education (CTE) Pathways Initiative (SB70/SB1133) Advisory

This Advisory addresses the following topics:

1. End of the performance period for the 2007-2008 CTE Community Collaborative Grants and expenditure of remaining funds
 2. New 2009-2010 funding
 3. Budget modifications
 4. New CTE Pathways Initiative monitors
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2007-2008 CTE Community Collaborative Grants (grants 07-170-xxx and 07-171-xxx)

The end of the performance period for the 2007-2008 CTE Collaborative Community Grants (07-170-xxx and 07-171-xxx) is **December 31, 2009**. The final expenditure report is due January 31, 2010 and the report to the program independent evaluator WestEd is due February 18, 2010.

Staff has analyzed expenditures to date and noted that some grantees have significant unspent funds. It is imperative that funds be utilized by the end of the performance period, at the risk of losing spending authority. Because of the extraordinary fiscal crisis the colleges are experiencing, we are granting flexibility to alleviate complexity and the additional work involved with grant extensions. Therefore, we are providing authorization for the following action:

- Spend the oldest funding first. Because there is an overlap between these grants' performance period and the subsequent grants' performance periods, you may allocate all expenditures to the oldest available funding. Because all grant activities as approved are consistent with the purposes of the funding, this advisory provides flexibility to fiscal agents regarding recording expenditures. Regardless of the funding source, all deliverables within your approved program plan are required, unless pre-approved by your program monitor.

There has been some confusion pertaining to the SB 70 reporting dates for 07-170 and 07-171 grants, due to erroneous programming to the on-line reporting system. The Year-to-Date Expenditure and Progress Report dates do not align with the performance period of these grants. For clarification, please complete up to the sixth quarter of the reporting system and then copy these expenditures to the seventh and eighth quarters before completing the final report.

If you have any questions pertaining to your expenditure plan and/or utilizing your funds by December 31, 2009, please contact your monitor.

New Funding

Funding will be available for Fiscal Year 2009-2010; however, it was cut by \$10 million; therefore, all programs funded by the CTE Pathways initiative will be cut by approximately 17 percent. The CCCCO will provide a renewal process for all 52 Community Collaborative grants, the Supplemental grants, the Evaluation grant, and the Statewide Career Pathways grant. The Workforce Innovation Partnership grants will continue to be funded on a competitive basis. When the CCCCO receives additional information from the Department of Finance pertaining to the new funding, the grantees will be notified.

Budget Modifications

As you may know, the on-line application does not allow a college to modify their budget after a reporting period has ended. When a college determines that a budget adjustment will be necessary after a reporting period has ended, Chancellor's Office grant monitors are tasked with completing that process for the grantee. During the last reporting period we received many requests from grantees to make adjustments to their budgets. Please review your budget before each reporting period ends and make adjustments as necessary.

New CTE Pathways Initiative Monitors

There have been recent staff changes. Cynthia McFarland is the new monitor for the Bay Area, Orange, and Desert CTE grants and James Harris is the new monitor for Far North, North, and Central grants. Cynthia can be reached at cmcfarla@cccco.edu or 916-324-4612 and James can be reached at jharris@cccco.edu or 916-327-0749. The monitor for Los Angeles and San Diego is Jackie Escajeda and she can be reached at jescajeda@cccco.edu or 916-327-2066.