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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** January 4, 2022

**TO:** CEPD Administrators and CTE Directors

**FROM:** Brian L. Pyles, Ph.D., Director *BP*  
Office of Career and Technical Education

**SUBJECT:** Career Pathways Grant 2.0 Awards

The Michigan Department of Education, Office of Career and Technical Education (MDE – OCTE) is pleased to announce the 2021–2022 Career Pathways Grant 2.0 Awards.

The Career Pathways Grant Project is a collaborative grant opportunity to fund secondary and postsecondary partnerships to develop seamless programs of study aligned to local labor market needs and student interests; with learner-friendly on-ramps and off-ramps, that culminate in postsecondary recognized credentials and provide an opportunity for credit at the postsecondary level. Grant recipients will work with employers to identify the credentials valued by employers and link those credentials to state Career and Technical Education (CTE) program standards and ensure aligned, high-quality CTE programs of study. Credentials earned at the secondary level may articulate to credit at the postsecondary level.

Grantees are collaboratives of secondary, postsecondary, employer and other partners. Grant awards range up to \$300,000 per CIP Code. The grants will culminate in identification of credentials of value, secondary-postsecondary credit agreements, and aligned secondary program competencies, program standards, and Perkins Course Competencies (PCCs) in the specified CIP Code area. Identifying up-to-date postsecondary recognized credentials provides students with a seamless transition to advance training and the employer identified in-demand workplace technical skills.

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Grants have been awarded for the following Classification of Instructional Program (CIP) Codes:

- Computer Programming/Programmer (11.0201)  
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- Computer and Information Systems Security/Information Assurance (11.1003)  
Grant Contact: Jenny Geno – [Jgeno@sisd.cc](mailto:Jgeno@sisd.cc)
- Finance and Financial Management Services (52.0800)  
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- Marketing Sales and Services Marketing Entrepreneurship (52.1999)  
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- Mechatronics (14.4201)  
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- Public Safety/Protective Services (43.0100)  
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- Welding, Brazing, Soldering (48.0508)  
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The Michigan Perkins V state plan for career and technical education supports [Michigan's Top 10 Strategic Education Plan](#) to:

- Expand secondary learning opportunities for all students.
- Increase the percentage of all students who graduate from high school.
- Increase the percentage of adults with a post-secondary credential.

On May 29, 2020, the United States Department of Education (USED) approved the Michigan 4-year State Plan, covering Fiscal Years (FY) 2020-23, to implement the requirements of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education (CTE) Act of 2006, as amended by the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V). Michigan is required to implement postsecondary recognized credentials for each CTE state-approved program.

Please direct questions to the Career Pathways Grant Project at [MDE-CareerPathways@michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-CareerPathways@michigan.gov) or you may contact MDE secondary CTE supervisors Deb Miller at [MillerD66@michigan.gov](mailto:MillerD66@michigan.gov) or Dr. Jill Kroll at [Krollj1@michigan.gov](mailto:Krollj1@michigan.gov) or LEO postsecondary CTE office supervisor Keenan Wade at [WadeK@michigan.gov](mailto:WadeK@michigan.gov).

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