



**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA**  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

DATE: December 16, 2022

TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Jillian Balow, Superintendent of Public Instruction

**SUBJECT: CTE Competitive Innovative Program Equipment Grants for High-Demand and Fast-Growth Industry Sectors**

The 2022 Special Session II of the General Assembly continued state funding to update career and technical education (CTE) equipment to industry standards providing students with classroom experiences that translate to the 21st century workforce. The appropriation provides \$600,000 for competitive innovative program equipment grants for high-demand and fast-growth industry sectors based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Virginia Employment Commission.

Sixteen competitive grants will be awarded in the amount of \$37,500 each. Priority will be given to state-identified challenged schools, the Governor's Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Academies, and the Governor's Health Sciences Academies.

The CTE Competitive Innovative Program Equipment Grants Application (**Attachment A**) is due to the Virginia Department of Education by 5 p.m. on February 1, 2023. The completed application should not exceed a total of five pages—consisting of contact information, an abstract (not to exceed two pages), proposed budget, and the signed statement of assurance.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education at [CTE@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:CTE@doe.virginia.gov) or by telephone at (804) 225-2052.

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**Attachment:**

- A. Attachment: [CTE Competitive Innovative Program Equipment Grants Application \(DOCX\)](#)