

## 2020-2021 Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) Grant Applications

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), Bureau of Special Education is requesting competitive integrated employment grant applications for the 2020-2021 school year.

Local Education Agencies, including school districts, intermediate units, charter schools, approved private schools and chartered schools for the deaf and the blind interested in establishing or expanding effective, competitive integrated employment programming for youth with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

Grant monies will be awarded to applicants who:

- Develop and/or enhance virtual employment/pre-employment experiences given the implications of the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Partner with local business(es);
- collaborate with one or more of the following: Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR), County/Community-Based Behavioral Health, Office of Intellectual Disabilities, Centers for Independent Living and other disability-specific support organizations; and
- are establishing or have an established school-based career readiness programs.

The funding for each successful grant applicant will be available from the date of the award through August 15, 2021.

- 2019-2020 Competitive Integrated Employment grantees are eligible for up to \$15,000.00 to expand current programming
- All other applicants are eligible for funding up to \$30,000.00

An informational webinar regarding the grant application process will take place on Friday, July 31, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. To join the webinar use the following link: <u>https://pattanpgh.zoom.us/j/725340245</u>

The Request for Application (RFA) and link to the application can be found on the Secondary Transition webpage of the PaTTAN Website by accessing the following link: <u>https://www.pattan.net/Graduation-Post-Secondary-Outcomes/Educational-Initiatives</u>

Applications must be submitted by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, August 28, 2020.

For questions concerning CIE grants, contact: Jeffery Coover, PaTTAN Educational Consultant, at <u>JCoover@pattan.net</u> or your regional PaTTAN secondary transition consultants.



