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Policy Information

To: Chief Elected Officials
MassHire Workforce Board Chairs
MassHire Workforce Board Directors
MassHire Career Center Directors
MassHire Fiscal Officers
MassHire DCS Operations Managers

cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Diane Hurley, Acting Director
MassHire Department of Career Services

Date: August 22, 2022

Subject: **FY23 Skills Capital Grant Round 2 Technology & Equipment Funding RFP Posted**

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators, and other workforce partners that the Request for Proposal for the FY23 Massachusetts Skills Capital Grant Program Round 2 Technology and Equipment application is posted on CommBuys.

Background: The Skills Capital Grant Program will award grants for the purchase and installation of equipment and related improvements and limited renovations necessary for installation and use of such equipment to support vocational and technical training.

This equipment will upgrade and expand career technical education and training programs that are aligned to regional economic and workforce development priorities for in-demand industries, provided that grant applications facilitate collaboration to provide students training pathways to career opportunities in high-

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skill, high-demand industry sectors. Please note that the list of priority occupations has been updated to include LPN and RN. The application includes a single year and multi-year request options. Preference may be given to organizations that have not received Skills Capital Grant funding in FY23 or in the recent past. An informational webinar on September 22nd is being provided as noted below.

Timeline

Request for Proposals Released	August 15, 2022
Webinar for Applicant Guidance	September 15, 2022 3:00 pm. Please Register: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3uT87dwTSF-uu3avOvATCA
To confirm eligibility, an optional letter of intent is requested by potential applicants. Letter should identify the type of program to be supported by funding.	Before Sept 22, 2022 to be submitted to james.poplasky@mass.gov Link to Letter of Intent form: https://webportalapp.com/apppform/fy23r2skillscapitalletter
Proposals will <u>only be accepted through the online application system.</u>	On October 21, 2022 by 3:00 PM https://webportalapp.com/apppform/fy23r2skillscapital
Projected Grant Awards Announcement	On or about December 1, 2022
Anticipated Contract Start Date	On or about December 30, 2022
Funding Disbursement	On a rolling basis, upon verification of approved submitted purchases, requests for equipment, and related installation costs.
Contract End Date	June 30, 2023 / Multi Year 2024

The FY23 Massachusetts Skills Capital Grant Program Round 2 Technology and Equipment **RFP can be found at:**

<https://www.commbuys.com/bs0/external/bidDetail.sdo?docId=BD-23-1036-EDU02-EDU02-78471&external=true&parentUrl=close>

Additionally, High Schools with Chapter 74 Vocational Programs may be interested in applying to FY 23 Skills Capital Vocational Instructional Space Facility Expansion Grant RFP that is also posted on CommBuys.

Action

Requested: Please share with managers, staff and partners as appropriate.

Effective: Immediately

Inquiries: Please email all questions to james.poplasky@mass.gov.

Attachments: A. FY23 Skills Capital Grant Round 2 Announcement and Overview
B. FY23 Skills Capital Grant Projected Outcomes
C. FY23 Skills Capital Grant High Occupations
D. FY23 Skills Capital Grant FY23 & FY24 Budget Template