

# 2021 North Dakota School Boards Association – Fall Conference

## Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund Update



**North Dakota Department of  
Career and Technical Education**

# Coronavirus CTE Capital Projects Fund

## What is Career and Technical Education?

Career Technical Education (CTE) provides students of all ages with the academic and technical skills, knowledge and training necessary to succeed in future careers and to become lifelong learners. In total, about 12.5 million high school and college students are enrolled in CTE across the nation. CTE prepares these learners for the world of work by introducing them to workplace competencies and makes academic content accessible to students by providing it in a hands-on context.



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## Scope of CTE in North Dakota – Program Areas

- Agricultural Education
- Business Education
- Career Development
- Family and Consumer Science
- Health Sciences
- Information Technology
- Marketing Education
- Technology & Engineering Education
- Trade, Industry & Technical Education



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## Scope of CTE in North Dakota – 2019-20 School Year

- 580 High School Programs
- 23,007 High School students enrolled in at least one CTE course
- 36,818 High School course enrollments (duplicated count)
- 8,129 CTE Concentrators – Students that completed at least 2 credits in a program area
- 95.87% CTE Concentrators graduated on time
  - Positive impact on minority graduation rates



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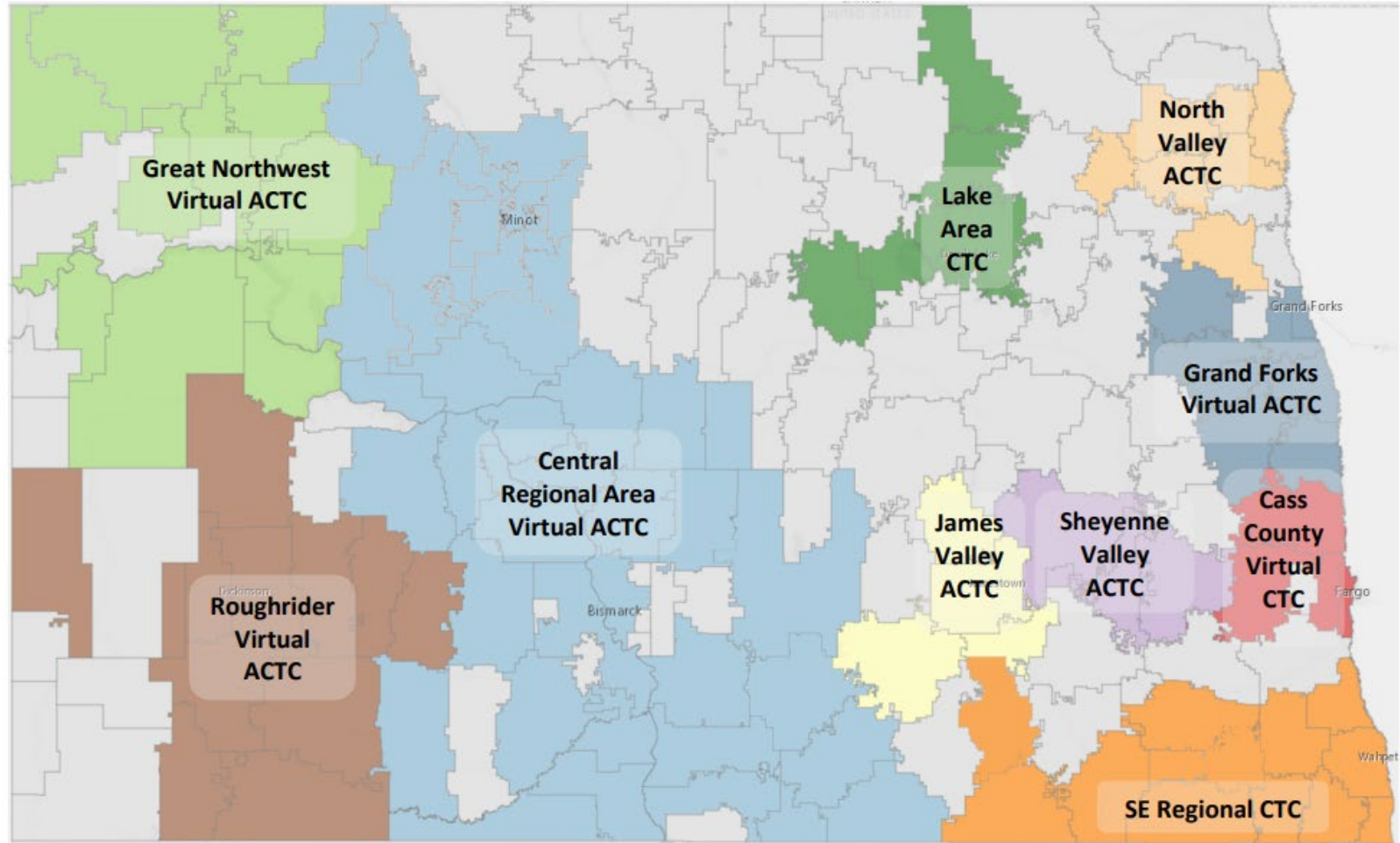
## What is an Area Career and Technical Center?

- Provides Career and Technical Education to multiple school districts through face-to-face, ITV and/or online.
- Cross Districts Partnership of Career and Technical Education
- Separate Center Board, providing oversight of operations and includes membership from partner schools
- Employs a CTE Administrator, whose sole responsibility it to manage the Center



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North Dakota Area Career and Technology Centers



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## HB1015 – OMB Appropriation Bill

- \$70M for construction, renovation, maintenance and equipment for new and expanding CTE Centers and facilities
  - Preference provided for applications that foster cross district partnerships
  - Preference provided for applications involving Post-Secondary Partnerships
  - Preference provided for applications involving Workforce Training Partnerships
- 1-1 matching grant
- Grant range will be \$500,000 to \$10M
- Source of the funds is the Federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund (CCPF) of the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA)



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State Grant Guidance was released in June 2021

- Application Deadline:
  - October 1<sup>st</sup> – up to \$35 million allocated – 30-day review
  - December 1<sup>st</sup> – Remaining \$35 million – 30-day review
  - June 30, 2022 – If any funds remain – HB1015 deadline
- All funds must be obligated by the state by December 31, 2022
- All funds must be spent by December 31, 2024
- Established a 9 person Grant Review Team to provide recommendations to the State Board for Career and Technical Education



[FederalCoronavirusCTECenterGrantPacket.pdf \(nd.gov\)](https://www.nd.gov/education/cte/coronavirus-grant-packet)



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Federal Guidance was released September 20, 2021

For a Capital Project to be an eligible use of Capital Projects Fund grant funds, it must meet all the following criteria:

1. The Capital Project invests in capital assets designed to directly enable work, education, and health monitoring.
2. The Capital Project is designed to address a critical need that resulted from or was made apparent or exacerbated by the COVID-19 public health emergency.
3. The Capital Project is designed to address a critical need of the community to be served by it.



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## Presumptively Eligible Projects

- Broadband Infrastructure Projects
- Digital Connectivity Technology Projects
- Multi-Purpose Community Facility Projects
  - Projects to construct or improve buildings that are designed to jointly and directly enable work, education, and health monitoring are eligible for funding under the Capital Projects Fund program.



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## Case-by-Case Review

Projects that are Designed to Directly Enable Work, Education, and Health Monitoring

**Work:** Activities to help community members engage in employment, search for employment, and/or develop the requisite skills and knowledge to become employed (e.g., participate in career counseling programs, workforce training programs, as well as gain access to internet websites to search for and apply to jobs).

**Education:** Activities to acquire knowledge and/or skills, undertaken as part of a person's participation in school, an academic program, extracurricular program, social-emotional development program for students or youths, internship, or professional development program, or in another educational environment.

**Health Monitoring:** Services to monitor an individual's health, including with respect to either physical or behavioral health.

Health monitoring activities are often conducted as part of telemedicine appointments with a healthcare provider, but these activities can be conducted in a variety of other ways, such as during in-person appointments with health care providers or as part of community health screening programs.



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## Federal Grant Process

The process for requesting Capital Projects Fund grant funding involves three main steps, described in detail below.

1. Submission of an Application to Treasury establishing Applicant eligibility. (12/27/21)
2. Execution of a Grant Agreement with Treasury.
3. Submission of Grant Plans to Treasury, which will be used by Treasury to assess proposed use of funds for alignment with Capital Projects Fund objectives and requirements. (Within 365 days)



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## Next Steps

- Work with ND Legislative Assembly to amend state guidance;
  - House and Senate Interim Appropriations Committees have agreed to provide \$83M for CTE Centers (As of 10/28/21)
    - \$53M of Coronavirus Capital Projects Funds
    - \$30M of American Rescue Plan Act Funds
- Request submitted applications to provide an amendment to their application;
- Review and approve updated applications;
- Collect Additional Applications;
- Work with ND OMB to submit Federal Grant Application and Grant Plan.



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## HB1015 – OMB Appropriation Bill – **What we now know.**

- \$70M for construction, renovation, maintenance and equipment for new and expanding CTE Centers and facilities – **This may increase.**
  - Preference provided for applications that foster cross district partnerships
  - Preference provided for applications involving Post-Secondary Partnerships
  - Preference provided for applications involving Workforce Training Partnerships
    - ✓ **Will now be required**
  - **Will need to address Health Monitoring**
- 1-1 matching grant
- Grant range will be \$500,000 to \$10M – **Maximum may increase**
- Source of the funds is the Federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund (CCPF) of the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA)
  - ✓ **Sources may look different – CCPR, ARPA, combination of both**



**Thank you.**

**Any questions?**

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