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For ACTION

For INFORMATION

Board Agenda: Yes
No

FROM: Sherri Chapman, Coordinator, Career and Technical Education

THROUGH: GwenCarol Holmes, Chief Academic Officer

THROUGH: Morton Sherman, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

TO: The Honorable Sheryl Gorsuch, Chairman, and Members of the Alexandria City School Board

TOPIC: 2012-2013 LOCAL PLAN FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) PERKINS FUNDS

BACKGROUND: The Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 and Standards of Quality require each school division to develop and receive local school board approval of a plan for Career and Technical Education that includes specific information regarding program and services descriptions and how grant funds will be used.

The Alexandria 2012-2013 Local Plan for Career and Technical Education describes activities and services proposed for the Alexandria City Public Schools Career and Technical Education Program. The plan also assures that all program activities and expenditures are in accordance with the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 and all applicable Virginia Public School Laws.

The Alexandria Plan will provide \$228,609.25 to improve and modernize existing Career and Technical Education program offerings, update technology to align with industry standards, and provide staff development opportunities for instructional staff. Grant funding is allocated by formula, based on ACPS enrollment and special populations served.

The Alexandria Plan contains local assurances and conditions of the grant; Virginia and Perkins performance standards and those that do not meet the state level Perkins Performance Standards as identified in the Career and Technical Education Annual Performance Report; CTE Management Schedules; proposed new pathway plan of study; financial data; and proposed budget for use of 2012-2013 federal funds.

Pages 32-37 of the Alexandria Plan contain the 2012-2013 budget and description of how the Perkins funds will be allocated:

- \$15,000 to permit Career and Technical Education staff, counselors, administrators and core teachers to attend CTE professional development institutes as well as participate in individual program area summer conferences, program specific training,

certification and licensure. Included are funds for staff development that is designed to strengthen academic collaboration and the academic and technical skills of all students including special populations.

- \$55,000.00 to improve and modernize technology education labs with equipment, tools, hardware, and software. This amount includes equipping the new Aerospace Technology, Sustainability and Renewable Technologies, and Robotics courses at T.C. Williams High School.
- \$36,000.00 to purchase professional equipment including additional computers, mixers, editing software, and cameras, servers, peripherals, and electronic equipment for TV Production, Photography, and Electronics courses.
- \$53,000.00 to improve and modernize computer labs with appropriate equipment by updating hardware and software.
- \$9,000.00 to purchase industry certification/licensure examinations (pre-test and post-test), vouchers, and/or site licenses for student credentialing.
- \$5,000 to purchase anatomical and interactive simulation models, and other appropriate equipment for Family and Consumer Sciences courses.
- \$18,000 to provide support for students and one advisor per program to attend local, state and national co-curricular conferences and competitions.
- \$5,000 to purchase document cameras, SmartBoards, printers, scanners, flip cameras, and other computer technology for all program areas.
- \$16,688.48 for support of grant operations through indirect costs.
- \$15,920.77 to purchase anatomical and interactive simulation models and other needed appropriate equipment for the Health and Medical Sciences program at T. C. Williams High School.

RECOMMENDATION: The Local Plan is due in Richmond by April 30, 2012. Staff requests Board approval at the April 26, 2012 School Board meeting. Please contact Sherri Chapman at 703-824-6632 or sherri.chapman@acps.k12.va.us if additional information is required.

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