

Career Pathway Workforce and Community Engagement

Mini-Grant Application 2024

One of the primary outcomes of The Career Pathway (CP) initiative is to engage institutions, organizations and community partners to address the challenges of recruitment for and retention of the early childhood care and education (ECCE) workforce and to build awareness of and support for Kansas' workforce. The CP team is pleased to announce mini-grant awards of up to \$10,000 for institutions, organizations and community partners that propose innovative strategies for recruitment, retention of ECCE professionals and promotion of the Career Pathway. All successfully funded projects will be designed for replication by others. This mini-grant is made possible by the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF).

Deadline for submissions: All submissions must be submitted electronically here by EOD on February 23, 2024.

Eligibility: Proposals may be submitted by institutions of higher education, school districts including Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, as well as municipalities, extension, employers, and community organizations across Kansas. The CP team will offer support and guidance throughout the application process including approved funding allocations. Funding may not be used to purchase food. Projects must be implemented in Kansas.

Name of organization, institution and department, or collaboration (add description if needed)

Relevant website of organization, institution (if applicable)

First and Last Name (primary contact)

Role or title of primary contact

First and last names of additional collaborators on the project (N/A if none)

Mailing Address, County

Email, Phone

Project Rationale - related to recruitment and retention of the workforce and/or promotion of the Career Pathway (Max 250 words)

In this introduction of the project, provide a rationale for the proposed activities including:

- Statement, context and brief discussion of importance of the project
- Audience or benefactors
- Issues or challenges the proposal will address

Description (Max 500 words)

Provide a clear description of the innovative project and how it will address the challenges/rationale listed above. Include activity timelines, participants or those who will be impacted, facilities, any resources needed to implement the project, and outcome(s).

Budget (Max 1 page)

Upload an annotated budget with justification. A description of each line item will be helpful.

Funding may not be used to purchase food/drink. All receipts and expenditures are required and due by May 31, 2024. Budget allotment is up to \$10,000. Most mini-grants will be paid out at the time they are awarded for all expenses clearly identified and justified in this proposed budget. For questions please contact Stephanie at stephanieparks@ksu.edu or 785-532-7197.

The above entity agrees to report to Kansas Career Pathway staff with an impact report and all vendor receipts no later than May 31, 2024.