

(3) *Community-Based Organization Projects.* The Secretary supports community-based organizations in partnerships with entities listed in § 426.2(b)(1)(ii), to operate projects that assist disadvantaged youths in preparing for technical and professional health careers, as described in § 426.6.

(4) *Agriculture Action Centers.* The Secretary supports model projects providing improved access to vocational education programs through agriculture action centers, as described in § 426.7.

(b) All projects assisted under the Cooperative Demonstration Program must be—

(1) Of direct service to the individuals enrolled; and

(2) Capable of wide replication by service providers.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2420a(a))

§ 426.4 What activities does the Secretary fund under the Demonstration Projects?

The Secretary supports the following types of projects:

(a) Model projects providing improved access to quality vocational education programs for—

(1) Individuals with disabilities;

(2) Educationally and economically disadvantaged individuals (including foster children);

(3) Individuals of limited English proficiency;

(4) Individuals who participate in programs designed to eliminate sex bias;

(5) Individuals in correctional institutions; and

(6) Men and women seeking to enter nontraditional occupations.

(b)(1) Projects that are examples of successful cooperation between the private sector (including employers, consortia of employers, labor organizations, building trade councils, and private agencies, organizations, and institutions) and public agencies in vocational education (including State boards of vocational education and eligible recipients as defined in 34 CFR 400.4).

(2) The projects described in paragraph (b)(1) of this section must be designed to demonstrate ways in which vocational education and the private

sector of the economy can work together effectively to assist vocational education students to attain the advanced level of skills needed to make the transition from school to productive employment, including—

(i) Work experience and apprenticeship projects;

(ii) Transitional work site job training for vocational education students that is related to their occupational goals and closely linked to classroom and laboratory instruction provided by an eligible recipient;

(iii) Placement services in occupations that the students are preparing to enter;

(iv) If practical, projects that will benefit the public, such as the rehabilitation of public schools or housing in inner cities or economically depressed rural areas; or

(v) Employment-based learning programs.

(3) The projects described in paragraphs (b) (1) and (2) of this section may include institutional and on-the-job training, supportive services authorized by the Act, and other assistance as the Secretary determines to be necessary for the successful completion of the project.

(c) Projects to overcome national skill shortages, as designated by the Secretary in cooperation with the Secretary of Labor, Secretary of Defense, and Secretary of Commerce.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2420a(a) (1)–(3) and (b)(1))

§ 426.5 What activities does the Secretary fund under the Program for Model Consumer and Homemaking Education Projects?

The Secretary supports model projects that develop programs and improve instruction and curricula related to—

(a) Managing individual and family resources;

(b) Making consumer choices;

(c) Balancing work and family;

(d) Improving responses to individual and family crises, including family violence and child abuse;

(e) Strengthening parenting skills, especially among teenage parents;

(f) Preventing teenage pregnancy;