

**§ 426.1**

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**Subpart A—General**

**§ 426.1 What is the Cooperative Demonstration Program?**

The Cooperative Demonstration Program provides financial assistance for—

- (a) Model projects providing improved access to quality vocational education programs for individuals who are members of special populations and for men and women seeking nontraditional occupations;
- (b) Projects that are examples of successful cooperation between the private sector and public agencies in vocational education;
- (c) Projects to overcome national skill shortages;
- (d) Projects that develop consumer and homemaking education programs, including child growth and development centers;

(e) Projects that assist disadvantaged youths in preparing for technical and professional health careers; and

(f) Model projects providing access to vocational education programs through agriculture action centers.

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

**§ 426.2 Who is eligible for an award?**

(a) The following entities are eligible to apply for an award for activities described in §§ 426.4, 426.5, and 426.7:

- (1) State educational agencies.
  - (2) Local educational agencies.
  - (3) Postsecondary educational institutions.
  - (4) Institutions of higher education.
  - (5) Other public and private agencies, organizations, and institutions.
- (b)(1) Awards for activities described in § 426.6 are provided to partnerships between—

- (i) Community-based organizations; and
  - (ii) Local schools, institutions of higher education, and businesses.
- (2) A partnership formed for the purpose of receiving an award under § 426.6 shall include as partners at least one community-based organization and at least one entity from the groups listed in paragraph (b)(1)(ii) of this section, and may include more than one entity from each group.

(3) The partners shall apply jointly to the Secretary for an award under this part.

(4) The partners shall enter into an agreement, in the form of a single document signed by all partners, designating one member of the partnership as the applicant and the grantee. The agreement must also detail the role each partner plans to perform, and must bind each partner to every statement and assurance made in the application.

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

**§ 426.3 What activities may the Secretary fund?**

(a) The Secretary supports, directly or through grants, cooperative agreements, or contracts, the following types of projects:

(1) *Demonstration Projects.* The Secretary supports model projects providing improved access to high quality vocational education for members of special populations and men and women seeking to enter non-traditional occupations, projects that are models of successful cooperation between the private sector and public agencies in vocational education, and projects to overcome national skill shortages, as described in § 426.4.

(2) *Program for Model Consumer and Homemaking Education Projects.* The Secretary supports model projects that improve instruction and curricula related to consumer and homemaking skills, as described in § 426.5.

(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))