

Section 1

GOVERNANCE

PROGRAM GOVERNANCE

The *Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century* is generally referred to as Perkins V as it is the fifth authorization of the original 1984 legislation. The Act requires the State to designate a sole state agency to be responsible for the funds. In Arkansas, the State Board of Education is the sole state agency with oversight through the Division of Career Education (DCTE). Through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), the Arkansas Division of Higher Education (ADHE) is responsible for and accountable to DCTE for all performance and compliance aspects of postsecondary Perkins activities.

LOCAL APPLICATION AND ANNUAL PLANS

Under Perkins V, each institution must submit a four-year Local Application that describes how recipients will address gaps in performance identified through a local needs assessment process conducted in consultation with a diverse group of stakeholders and how the recipient will meet the required local uses of funds over the course of the legislation. Each local recipient is required to develop an Annual Plan that describes how each annual allocation will be used in support of the Local Application.

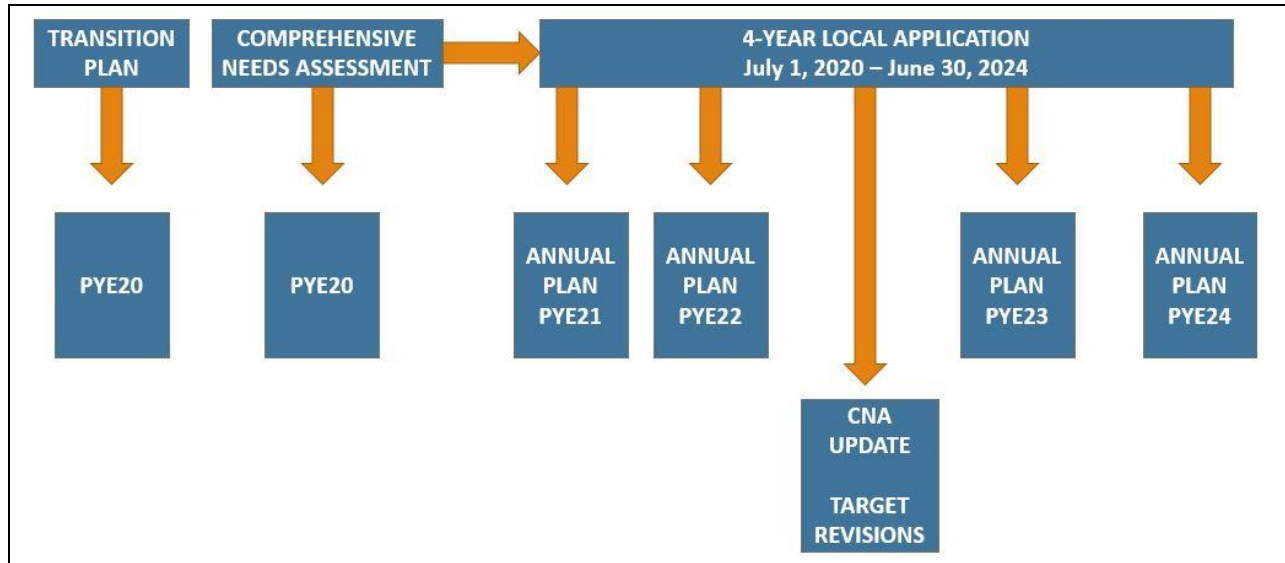
GRANT MANAGEMENT RESOURCES

Most information needed to administer a Perkins postsecondary grant is available online at the following sites.

- **Perkins Postsecondary Website** www.adheperkins.com
Coordinator resources including the handbook, forms, guidance and links to other compliance and performance information. Brinda Berry is the webmaster and all changes or requests should be directed to her.
- **Perkins Grant Portal** <https://arc.arkansas.gov/perkins/portal/home>
Portal for grant management including Annual Plan application, amendments and reimbursements. Permission levels vary for access to the Perkins Portal. The Coordinator has full privileges; the Fiscal Coordinator can enter reimbursement requests (but not submit); and Read-Only can view but not edit. Monieca West is the site administrator and requests for changes in access should be directed to her. Both Brinda and Monieca are available for training or questions regarding functionality. (The Perkins Portal is also accessible through www.adheperkins.com.)
- **Perkins Collaborative Resource Network (PCRN)** <http://cte.edu.gov>
Perkins funds are awarded by the U. S. Department of Education, Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education (OCTAE). The Department maintains the PCRN website which has a wide variety of information specific to Perkins, including the Perkins Act.
- **Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century (Perkins V)**
<https://bit.ly/33W1Fx1>
- **Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR)**
<https://www2.ed.gov/policy/fund/reg/edgarReg/edgar.html>

KEY DATES

Below is a general timeline for Perkins V.



A full timeline for the current Perkins cycle is available in Section 2-Perkins Annual Cycle. Below are critical dates defined by the Act or established by the State that cannot be renegotiated. (PYE21 is used as sample; remember that this schedule has been adapted due to COVID and will go back to normal deadlines for PYE22.)

| Date | Action |
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| May 1, 2020 | CNA and stakeholder consultation complete |
| July 1, 2020 | Local Application submitted into portal |
| July 1, 2020 | PYE21 fiscal year begins; first date to obligate funds (limited to 25% of total grant prior to October 1). Funds may be obligated upon approval of the Local Application even though this is prior to submission of PYE21 Annual Plan. |
| August 1, 2020 | Deadline to submit PYE21 Annual Plan |
| October 1, 2020 | Remaining 75% of basic grant becomes available for obligation. |
| May 1, 2021 | Deadline to amend PYE21 Annual Plan. |
| May 1, 2021 | Review and revise Local Application prior to submission of PYE22 Annual Plan. This is optional; the Local Application does not have to be revised. |
| June 30, 2021 | PYE21 fiscal year ends; last date to obligate funds. |
| August 2, 2021 | Portal closes for submission of PYE21 reimbursement requests. |