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## Release of Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act Applications

The Office of the Secretary of Higher Education (OSHE) is pleased to announce the opening of the second round of applications for the Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act County College Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program Expansion grants.

The grants are funded by the <u>Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act (P.L. 2018, c. 199, "the Act")</u>, which authorized the issuance of \$500 million in bonds to fund key improvements to New Jersey school facilities. The Act allocated \$50 million for the expansion of career and technical education at county colleges in New Jersey in support of in-demand industries, including technology, healthcare, construction and energy, logistics, manufacturing, and financial services.

The initial round of applications resulted in nine institutions receiving awards totaling more than \$25.9 million. For this second round, \$23,542,004 in funding is available. County colleges that were not awarded in the initial round are eligible to apply for a maximum award of up to \$4 million, of which 25 percent of total project costs must be supported by institutional match.

The <u>Notice of Grant Opportunity</u> and grant <u>Application</u> is now available on OSHE's website. Applications are due February 14, 2022.

Please see the Application Guidelines for the application process.

## **Contact Information**

County colleges with questions regarding the proposed regulations or application guidelines should contact OSHE at FinanceDocs@oshe.nj.gov.

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