

# State of Wisconsin



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## 2023 WISCONSIN ACT 165

AN ACT *to renumber and amend* 106.275 (1) (c); *to amend* 106.275 (1) (a), 106.275 (1) (b), 106.275 (2) and 106.275 (3); and *to create* 106.275 (1) (am) of the statutes; **relating to:** technical education equipment grants.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

**SECTION 1.** 106.275 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

106.275 (1) (a) From the appropriation under s. 20.445 (1) (cg), the department ~~may shall, subject to par. (am),~~ award technical education equipment grants under this section. The department shall award grants in the amount of not more than ~~\$50,000~~ \$100,000 to school districts ~~applicants~~ whose grant applications are approved under sub. (2) (b).

**SECTION 2.** 106.275 (1) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

106.275 (1) (am) The department shall award grant moneys under par. (a) so that not less than one-third of grant moneys awarded in a fiscal biennium are provided to applicants that are either school districts that are eligible for sparsity aid under s. 115.436 or consortia that include at least one school district that is so eligible.

**SECTION 3.** 106.275 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

106.275 (1) (b) ~~A school district~~ An applicant that is awarded a grant under this section shall use the grant moneys awarded for the enhancement or improvement of a technical education facility or for the acquisition of equipment that is used in advanced manufacturing or construction fields in the workplace, together with any

software necessary for the operation of that equipment and any instructional material necessary to train pupils in the operation of that equipment.

**SECTION 4.** 106.275 (1) (c) of the statutes is renumbered 106.275 (1) (c) (intro.) and amended to read:

106.275 (1) (c) (intro.) As a condition of receiving a grant under this section, a school district grant recipient shall provide matching funds ~~equal to 200 percent of the grant amount awarded.~~ The match, which may be in the form of money; or the monetary value of equipment. The matching funds must be in an amount equal to the following:

1. Except as provided in subd. 2., if the match is contributed from private sources, the 100 percent of the grant amount awarded.

2. If any of the match is contributed from school district, or both funds, 200 percent of the grant amount awarded.

**SECTION 5.** 106.275 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

106.275 (2) GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS. (a) A school district or a consortium consisting of multiple school districts that wishes to receive a grant under this section shall apply for the grant in accordance with procedures and requirements established by the department under rules promulgated under sub. (4) (b) 1. A grant application shall describe the purpose and need for the

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grant, the projected outcomes ~~that the school district is seeking sought~~ to achieve be achieved as a result of receiving the grant, the amount and source of the matching funds required under sub. (1) (c), and any other information that the department may require under rules promulgated under sub. (4) (b) 1.

(b) The department shall review and evaluate a grant application submitted under par. (a) in accordance with procedures and criteria established by the department under rules promulgated under sub. (4) (b) 2. After completing that review and evaluation, the department shall notify the ~~school district~~ applicant of the department's decision on the grant application.

**SECTION 6.** 106.275 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

106.275 (3) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. ~~Each school district that receives~~ A recipient of a grant under this section shall file a report with the department by September 1 of each of the first 3 fiscal years following the fiscal year in which the grant was received. The report shall describe how the grant moneys were expended, describe the outcomes achieved as a result of receiving the grant, share the best practices employed ~~by the school district~~ regarding the training of pupils in the use of ~~the~~ any equipment acquired with the grant moneys, include a plan for sustainability of ~~that~~ any such training, and provide such other information as the department may require under rules promulgated under sub. (4) (b) 3.

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