

# Carl Perkins Consortia

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## Overview

Carl Perkins is a federal funding source that is used to support Career & Technical Education (CTE). The grant is intended to prepare students for high-demand careers. According to the [Perkins Law](#), “a local educational agency shall not receive an allocation under subsection (a) unless the amount allocated to such agency under subsection (a) is greater than \$15,000.” In order to use Carl Perkins funding if the allocation amount is below \$15,000, the school system must join a consortium. The allocations must be at least \$15,000 combined for the members of the consortium. If not met, the consortium cannot exist for that school year.

## Responsibilities of the Fiscal Agent

Once a consortium is established, a member of the consortium must become the fiscal agent. The fiscal agent is decided upon by the consortium members. The fiscal agent is responsible for:

- Collecting and maintaining all [Comprehensive Local Needs Assessments](#) (CLNA) from each member of the consortium. **(Must be available upon request)**
- Creating and distributing a consortium agreement for consortium members to sign.
- Inputting required information into Super App/eGMS in a timely manner.
- Attending Regional Carl Perkins meetings.
- Maintaining documentation for consortium members regarding decisions for Perkins budget activities to ensure that activities are mutually agreed upon. **(Must be available upon request)**
- Adhering to all deadlines and federal regulations.
- Must have documentation that each consortium member agrees on the budget activities. **(Must be available upon request)**

## Mutually Beneficial

According to the [Perkins Law](#), “Funds allocated to a consortium formed to meet the requirements of this subsection shall be used only for purposes and programs that are mutually beneficial to all members of the consortium and can be used only for programs authorized under this title. Such funds may not be reallocated to individual members of the consortium for purposes or programs benefiting only 1 member of the consortium.”

- Members may opt out of the budget activity but must still agree on how funds will be spent.
- Majority of consortium members must agree on how Perkins funds will be used.
- Funding cannot be divided out to consortium members.

## Allowable Expenses

All Perkins budget items must align with the regionally approved Perkins clusters, programs of study, courses, and credentials. These can be found on the attestation provided by the Perkins Regional Coalition Coordinator (PRCC). Exemptions to the program of study rule are for career exploration and CTE professional development. For consortia, the majority of the budget should consist of CTE professional development or CTE Dual Enrollment. All items must be mutually agreed upon and mutually beneficial.

## **Carl Perkins Resources**

The following are helpful resources for using Carl Perkins funds:

- [CLNA Technical Assistance](#): provides the needed information for each question of the CLNA.
- [Perkins Flow Chart](#): helps to decipher if an activity can be funded with Perkins funds.
- [Perkins and Work-based Learning](#): Guidelines for what is required to use Carl Perkins to support work-based learning.
- [2026 - 2027 Carl Perkins Technical Support](#): Helpful information on how to answer each question within the application and what is required for budget items.