

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Grant

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Grant was created by HB 15-1275 and allocates \$450,000 annually to the community college system, local district colleges, area technical colleges, and Colorado Mesa University. Funds are used for awards for students in CTE programs that are too short to qualify for a Pell grant (15 weeks/600 clock hours or fewer).

Prior to FY21-22, CTE allocations to each institution have remained constant. The below documentation applies to FY21-22 and subsequent years.

Data Source: Degree File from two years prior (i.e., the Academic Year 2019-20 Degree File is used to determine 2021-22 CTE allocations).

Allocations are based on the three-year rolling average of completions in eligible programs. To determine eligible programs, the Department annually surveys institutions for six-digit CIP codes (academic program codes) in which they classify CTE-grant eligible programs. The Department then pulls record counts within eligible CIP codes by institution with the following specifications:

Tuition Classification: 1 (in-state CO resident)

Degree Level: 01 (certificate of less than one year)

Funding is distributed based on the percentage of CTE-eligible completions statewide – so, an institution with a three-year average of 10% of CTE-eligible completions statewide would receive 10% of the total allocation.