



Supporting Career Connect Learning Coordinators in Each Region

Community Partner: Association of Educational Service Districts (AESD)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Describe the specific need within the K–12 system

Career Connect Learning (CCL) is a series of skill-based programs that include career and technical education courses (CTE), pre-apprenticeships and registered apprenticeships, and internships that help students connect directly to work-based education, credentials, and career opportunities. To fully support CCL and provide students in every region with access to CCL opportunities, the nine regional educational service districts (ESDs) across the state employ CCL coordinators. However, current funding for CCL coordinators is insufficient to hire a coordinator in each ESD region. This request is for sufficient funding to employ a CCL coordinator in each of the nine regions.

How state investment in community partnership meets this need

On behalf of the ESDs, the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) requests \$818,000 per year to support the CCL program equitably across the state by funding a CCL coordinator position in each of the nine ESDs.

Describe existing or previous state investment in this work

The CCL program receives state funding to employ staff that support students seeking to explore new career opportunities or enter the workforce. The program cannot continue to function as intended within the existing appropriation. Existing funds are insufficient to employ a CCL coordinator in each of the nine ESD regions.

FISCAL DETAIL

Operating Expenditures	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Fund 24J-1 (Program 028)	\$818,000	\$818,000	\$818,000	\$818,000
Total Expenditures	\$818,000	\$818,000	\$818,000	\$818,000
Biennial Totals	\$1,636,000		\$1,636,000	
Staffing	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Staffing	0	0	0	0
Average Annual	0		0	
Object of Expenditure	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
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Revenue	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Biennial Totals	\$0.00		\$0.00	

ASSUMPTIONS AND CALCULATIONS

Expansion, reduction, elimination or alteration of a current program or service:

OSPI received \$1,350,000 in each of fiscal years 2024 and 2025, a total of \$2,700,000, for the employment of one CCL coordinator at each of the nine educational service districts.

Detailed assumptions and calculations:

To appropriately fund CCL coordinators at each ESD, OSPI requests funds to distribute to the nine ESDs to fund CCL coordinators in each region.

The cost per CCL coordinator is projected as \$240,853 per year including salary and benefits, supplies, travel, clerical and administrative costs, and overhead.

Total per ESD \$240,853 x 9 ESDs = \$2,167,677 annual cost, or \$4,335,354 for 2025–27

There is carry-forward funding in OSPI’s budget for this program. Total expected funding in the 2026–27 biennium is \$1,350,000 per year, or \$2,700,000 for the 2025–27 biennium.

To fully fund nine CCL coordinators, OSPI requests the difference between carry-forward funding and the calculated cost, which is \$2,167,677 minus \$1,350,000, to equal \$817,677 per year.

Historical funding:

Fiscal Year 2026

- FTE = 0.00
- Total Funds = \$1,350,000
- Near General Fund = \$0
- Other Funds = \$1,350,000

Fiscal Year 2027

- FTE = 0.00
- Total Funds = \$1,350,000
- Near General Fund = \$0
- Other Funds = \$1,350,000