

Subpart A—General

§ 426.1 What is the Cooperative Demonstration Program?

The Cooperative Demonstration Program provides financial assistance for—

- (a) Model projects providing improved access to quality vocational education programs for individuals who are members of special populations and for men and women seeking nontraditional occupations;
- (b) Projects that are examples of successful cooperation between the private sector and public agencies in vocational education;
- (c) Projects to overcome national skill shortages;
- (d) Projects that develop consumer and homemaking education programs, including child growth and development centers;
- (e) Projects that assist disadvantaged youths in preparing for technical and professional health careers; and
- (f) Model projects providing access to vocational education programs through agriculture action centers.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2420a(a))

§ 426.2 Who is eligible for an award?

(a) The following entities are eligible to apply for an award for activities described in §§ 426.4, 426.5, and 426.7:

- (1) State educational agencies.
- (2) Local educational agencies.
- (3) Postsecondary educational institutions.
- (4) Institutions of higher education.
- (5) Other public and private agencies, organizations, and institutions.

(b)(1) Awards for activities described in § 426.6 are provided to partnerships between—

- (i) Community-based organizations; and
- (ii) Local schools, institutions of higher education, and businesses.

(2) A partnership formed for the purpose of receiving an award under § 426.6 shall include as partners at least one community-based organization and at least one entity from the groups listed in paragraph (b)(1)(ii) of this section, and may include more than one entity from each group.

(3) The partners shall apply jointly to the Secretary for an award under this part.

(4) The partners shall enter into an agreement, in the form of a single document signed by all partners, designating one member of the partnership as the applicant and the grantee. The agreement must also detail the role each partner plans to perform, and must bind each partner to every statement and assurance made in the application.

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§ 426.3 What activities may the Secretary fund?

(a) The Secretary supports, directly or through grants, cooperative agreements, or contracts, the following types of projects:

(1) *Demonstration Projects.* The Secretary supports model projects providing improved access to high quality vocational education for members of special populations and men and women seeking to enter non-traditional occupations, projects that are models of successful cooperation between the private sector and public agencies in vocational education, and projects to overcome national skill shortages, as described in § 426.4.

(2) *Program for Model Consumer and Homemaking Education Projects.* The Secretary supports model projects that improve instruction and curricula related to consumer and homemaking skills, as described in § 426.5.

(3) *Community-Based Organization Projects.* The Secretary supports community-based organizations in partnerships with entities listed in § 426.2(b)(1)(ii), to operate projects that assist disadvantaged youths in preparing for technical and professional health careers, as described in § 426.6.

(4) *Agriculture Action Centers.* The Secretary supports model projects providing improved access to vocational education programs through agriculture action centers, as described in § 426.7.

(b) All projects assisted under the Cooperative Demonstration Program must be—