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[2023 Assembly Bill 550]

**Grants to Technical Education
Facilities**

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This act expands a grant program, administered by the Department of Workforce Development (DWD), under which DWD was previously only authorized to provide funds for schools to purchase technical education equipment. The act modifies this program to include grants to enhance or improve technical education facilities, increases the amount of the grants, allows a consortium of school districts to receive the grants under certain conditions, and varies the amount of matching funds required to depend on whether the funds are from private or public sources. Under the act:

- The maximum amount of a grant is increased from \$50,000 to \$100,000.
- A grantee may use a grant to enhance or improve a technical education facility or to acquire equipment.
- A consortium of multiple school districts may apply for a grant.
- DWD must ensure that at least one-third of grant moneys are awarded to a school district that receives sparsity aid; if the grantee is a consortium, at least one school district in the consortium must receive sparsity aid.
- The current requirement that a grantee provide 100 percent in matching funds still applies if the matching funds are provided using private funding, but if the school district or consortium is providing at least part of the matching funds, then the matching requirement increases to 200 percent.

Effective date: March 23, 2024

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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