

APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FY24

Investing in Oklahoma's Workforce

FY23 General Appropriation \$137,602,932

■ **Meet the statutory requirement of funding the flex benefit allowance for the technology centers (Title 70. Schools §70-26-104) \$1,400,000**

■ **Agency Operations and Field Support \$2,165,000**

- Remain competitive in the job market by investing in the recruitment and retention of exceptional agency staff.
- Invest in agency operations to provide additional professional development opportunities for continued growth in agency staff; address increasing inflationary costs for the provision of field support; and address facility maintenance.
- Video production highlighting the value of CareerTech training in a specific industry and the rewarding careers it can lead to. Increase brand awareness by investing in additional marketing opportunities, including paid media marketing.

■ **Educational Attainment**

■ Support the growth of CareerTech programs in PK-12 schools by funding approved but unfunded programs; leveling funding for all PK-12 CareerTech programs; and increasing the salary supplement provided to CareerTech PK-12 teachers. **\$10,886,865**

- Provide funding to 163.5 approved but unfunded CareerTech programs in PK-12 schools.
- Level funding to 1,475.5 CareerTech programs in PK-12 schools to adjust for inflationary costs.
- Increase the salary supplement provided to CareerTech PK-12 teachers.

■ Enrich the specialized career training provided to high school and adult learners at our technology centers **\$40,000,000**

- Enhance the ability of the technology centers to respond to industry needs with customized training and specialized workforce programs both on our campuses and at our customers' facilities.
- Expand offerings at our technology center campuses, creating opportunities for secondary and adult students in high-demand, high-wage careers such as health, manufacturing, aerospace, energy, construction and transportation. Address the need to compete with industry to attract and retain high quality subject matter experts as both full-time and adjunct instructional staff.

■ Expand Skills Centers programs and dropout recovery programs to meet the increasing need for inmate training services and dropout recovery. **\$1,250,000**

- Increase the number of programs such as masonry, HVAC, plumbing and heavy equipment offered in Skills Centers to further prepare offenders for success in the workplace and in society.
- Increase the number of sites that offer dropout recovery programs to provide high school students who have dropped out the opportunity to gain skills to enter the workforce.

Total FY24 Appropriations Increase Requested \$55,701,865

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