**Section 256.450 Career and Technical Education Programs for Innovation**

The State Board may award grants, using funds appropriated above the maintenance of effort funding level, to eligible recipients for CTE to:

a) foster innovation through the identification and promotion of promising and proven CTE program practices and strategies to close equity gaps across student subgroups, which may include programs, practices and strategies that prepare individuals for nontraditional fields; or

b) promote the development, implementation and adoption of programs of study or career pathways corresponding to high-skill, high-wage and in-demand occupations or industries identified by the Illinois Pathways Interagency Committee pursuant to Section 90 of the Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act [110 ILCS 148] and aligned to the National Career Cluster Framework (Advance CTE, 8484 Georgia Avenue, Suite 620, Silver Spring MD 20910; https://careertech.org/career-clusters)..