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FROM: Ashley Yopp Meros, Ph.D.

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SUBJECT: **2026–2027 Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant — Grow Your Own Teacher Registered Apprenticeship Program (PCOG-GYO) — Florida Department of Education Grants — Funding Opportunity/Webinar Schedule**

The purpose of this sub-initiative is to increase the supply of qualified teachers by creating a teacher pipeline for Florida. It is designed to encourage partnerships between eligible applicants and participating employers (Florida school districts, charter schools and charter management organizations) to provide an innovative, no-cost pathway to the teaching profession for registered teacher apprentices.

The funds for this grant are appropriated in the 2026 General Appropriations Act (GAA) as a sub initiative to the Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant (PCOG).

Eligible applicants include public Florida College System (FCS) institutions, State University System (SUS) institutions and Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida (ICUF) with a baccalaureate-level state-approved initial teacher preparation program (ITP) approved by the Florida Department of Education.

Please be mindful of the following dates:

- **April 13, 2026** – Opportunity to participate in an informational webinar.
- **April 27, 2026 (5 PM EDT)** – Deadline to submit project concepts.

Register for the initial funding opportunities webinar below.

<p>2026–27 Pathways Grow Your Own Teacher Apprenticeship Program (PCOG-GYO) Funding Opportunity Webinar: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7854177049372712790 Webinar ID: 176-043-419</p>	<p>April 13, 2026 10:00 AM– 11:00 AM (Eastern Time)</p>	<p>Call-In Number: +1 (562) 247-8422 Access code: 889-863-950</p>
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After registering, you will receive a confirmation e-mail containing information about joining the webinar.

For additional information, visit the Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant Program at: www.fldoe.org/pathwaysgrant.

If you have any questions, please contact the PCOG team at PCOG@fldoe.org.

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