Required Elements for Opportunity Grant Program/Pathway Approval

Criteria	Meets Criteria	Exceeds Criteria
1. Proposal addresses skill gap shortage in a targeted industry.	The proposal provides evidence of **local and regional labor** market demand in the industry through a variety of resources including traditional labor market data, industry data, trade association data, and other transactional data. Please provide evidence of the gap between the number of *program graduates/completers versus the number of job openings locally and regionally. **This includes graduate data from surrounding college programs that also contribute to filling the skill gap shortage.*	Proposal meets criteria, PLUS provides evidence that labor market demand expands beyond the local and regional marketplace and fills a **statewide skill gap need.**
2. Program has an identified educational pathway(s) linked to a career pathway.	Proposal provides evidence that the program is part of an educational pathway, linked to a career pathway, which begins with adult basic education ABE/ESL and continues to a one-year certificate and beyond. (Examples include, but are not limited to, the I-BEST model). Proposal clearly articulates how each level of attainment in the pathway prepares students to readily engage in the next level. **Proposal includes a pathway diagram.**	The college has a pathway that has an SBCTC approved I-BEST program(s) that is part of the educational pathway linked to this program AND links the program(s) to a career pathway that extends to attainment of a baccalaureate degree.
3. Proposal demonstrates at the end of the program, completers will have the opportunity to fill high wage job openings.	For programs designed with an exit point at 45 credits and a certificate, labor market data shows evidence of available jobs for program graduates at a minimum of $13 per hour or $15 per hour for King County (with the exception of Early Childhood Education). For programs targeting a segment of the pathway that is designed to move students to completion of a degree, the wage data criteria needs to be met at the end of the pathway. **If program has existed for over 4 years, please provide actual graduate wage earnings in your community.*	Proposal provides labor market data that shows evidence of available jobs for program graduates <u>over</u> $13 per hour – with the exception of King County which is over $15. **If program has existed for over 4 years, please provide actual graduate wage earnings in your community.*
4. Proposal provides evidence of active community partnerships.	Proposal shows evidence that local and regional businesses, labor, WDC, and community based organizations are active in supporting the college's effort to begin or expand this program.	Proposal meets criteria PLUS college has cash, equipment, faculty, staff, facility loan/donation or other measurable donation from partners or employers.

Please provide narrative, data and the pathway guide(s) addressing the above areas. Either mail or electronic mail the documentation to Scott Copeland, scopeland@sbctc.edu, Policy Associate-Student Services, SBCTC, PO Box 42495, Olympia, WA 98504-2495, (360) 704-4397. I-BEST applications may also serve as Opportunity Grant program approval applications.

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