



What is the LYFT Pathways Initiative?

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(LYFT) is a rural career and technical education (CTE) pathway initiative with the purpose of rebuilding CTE in southwest and west central Minnesota. The goal of LYFT Pathways is for every student in grades 7-12 in the region to gain marketable skills through meaningful CTE courses and opportunities which lead to further education and careers that match our region's labor market needs.

FUNDING

LYFT is funded through a state-wide \$3 million Rural Career and Technical Education (CTE) Consortium Grant, which was passed by the Minnesota Legislature.

LYFT PATHWAYS IMPACT

Approximately 60 projects were funded between 2017-2022. Nearly 14,000 students in southwest and west central Minnesota were impacted by these projects, and 40 of the projects were new CTE courses.

QUESTIONS OR MORE INFORMATION

For further information on the LYFT vision and formula for success, go to www.lyftpathways.org or contact Eriann Faris at eriann.faris@swwc.org.

HIGHLIGHTS

- One high school cooperating with at least one business or industry related partner.
- Development of new CTE courses, programs or experience or expansion of existing.
- Matches local or regional labor market needs.
- Collaboration with business partners for program content.
- Hands-on learning opportunities.
- Sustainable after first year funding.



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