**What is the LYFT Pathways Initiative?**

**Launch Your Future Today (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 secondary student 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 $3 million Rural Career and Technical Education Consortium Grant, which was passed by the Minnesota Legislature in 2017. The legislative funding has been extended to run through June 30, 2022.

**Highlights**

- At least two or more high schools cooperating
- Development of new CTE courses 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

**Questions or More Information**

For further information on the LYFT vision and formula for success, go to [www.lyftpathways.org](http://www.lyftpathways.org) or contact tom.hoff@swsc.org.