



STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
LANSING

RICK SNYDER
GOVERNOR

MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN
STATE SUPERINTENDENT

December 1, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Approval of Criteria for the 2014-15 Consolidation of Operations or Services Grant

The 2014-15 Consolidation of Operations or Services Grant was authorized in Public Act 196 of 2014 and signed into state law on June 24, 2014. Although this is the third year of this grant program, specific priority projects are defined in the legislation, requiring new approved grant criteria.

The 2014-15 Consolidation of Operations or Services Grant is a competitive grant that will be awarded to districts for the reimbursement of transition costs associated with the complete consolidation of districts or intermediate districts, the consolidation of operations or services between two or more districts, intermediate districts, or other local units of government, or the consolidation or sharing of technology and data operations or services between 50 or more districts or 5 or more intermediate districts. Priority is to be given to projects involving either a comprehensive, research-based academic early warning indicator and dropout prevention solution, or a data-driven system for identifying early reading challenges and establishing individual reading development plans for every student by the end of grade 3.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the criteria for the 2014-15 Consolidation of Operations or Services Grant as attached to the Superintendent's memo dated December 1, 2014.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

JOHN C. AUSTIN – PRESIDENT • CASANDRA E. ULBRICH – VICE PRESIDENT
DANIEL VARNER – SECRETARY • RICHARD ZEILE – TREASURER
MICHELLE FECTION – NASBE DELEGATE • LUPE RAMOS-MONTIGNY
KATHLEEN N. STRAUS • EILEEN LAPPIN WEISER

608 WEST ALLEGAN STREET • P.O. BOX 30008 • LANSING, MICHIGAN 48909
www.michigan.gov/mde • (517) 373-3324

MICHIGAN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Criteria for the 2014-15 Consolidation of Operations or Services Grant

The State Board of Education has adopted as its mission "All students graduate ready for careers, college, and community."

To the extent possible, all grant criteria and grant awards will serve to further attain the above goal.

SBE MISSION, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS THAT THESE CRITERIA SUPPORT

This grant supports the mission, priorities, and/or policies of the State Board of Education (SBE) and/or Michigan Department of Education (MDE).

This grant will be used to support the consolidation of educational entities and individual operations and services, promoting a more effective and efficient statewide school organization plan. This will free up other available educational resources to support all of the State Board of Education priorities, policies, and programs.

PURPOSE / BACKGROUND OF GRANT

Type of Grant Program:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New | <input type="checkbox"/> Continuing |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Competitive | <input type="checkbox"/> Designated in Legislation or MDE Proposal |

The State Legislature appropriated \$2 million for competitive assistance grants to districts and intermediate districts under the 2014-2015 School Aid Act. The funds are to be used for the reimbursement of transition costs associated with the complete consolidation of districts or intermediate districts, the consolidation of operations or services between two or more districts, intermediate districts, or other local units of government, or the consolidation or sharing of technology and data operations or services between 50 or more districts or 5 or more intermediate districts. Priority is to be given to projects involving either a comprehensive, research-based academic early warning indicator and dropout prevention solution, or a data-driven system for identifying early reading challenges and establishing individual reading development plans for every student by the end of grade 3.

CRITERIA

Date criteria were last approved: _____ August 13, 2013 _____

Source of Criteria:

- A. Federal Law, Rules or Regulation C. Proposed by Staff
 B. State Law or Rules D. Defined in MDE's Approved Grant Proposal to the Funder

The main criteria upon which subgrantees will be selected are the following:

- Project involves one of the following:
 - Complete consolidation of districts or intermediate districts.
 - Consolidation of individual operations or services between 2 or more districts, intermediate districts, or other local units of government.
 - Consolidation or sharing of technology and data operations or services between 50 or more districts or 5 or more intermediate districts.
- Priority is given to projects involving either of the following:
 - A comprehensive, research-based academic early warning indicator and dropout prevention solution.
 - A data-driven system for identifying early reading challenges and establishing individual reading development plans for every student by the end of grade 3.
- Awarded funds are for the reimbursement of transition costs only.
- There are well-defined cost savings, efficiencies, and educational system benefits.*
- Completion timeframe is well-defined.*

** Proposed by staff*

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS AND TARGET POPULATION SERVED

The eligible applicants and target population of this grant are districts and intermediate districts that are considering or in the process of consolidation projects.

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE

\$2,000,000

STATUTE

Michigan Public Act 196 of 2014 (MCL 388.1622g)

OFFICE ADMINISTERING GRANT / PROGRAM CONTACT

State Aid and School Finance/Christopher May
(517) 335-1263