

MICHIGAN
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Criteria for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: Targeted LEA Stabilization Grant

The State Board of Education has adopted as its Strategic Goal "Attain substantial and meaningful improvement in academic achievement for all students/children with primary emphasis on high priority schools and students."

To the extent possible, all grant criteria and grant awards will serve to further attain the above goal, and the Board's Vision and Principles of Universal Education.

PRIORITIES, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS THAT THESE CRITERIA SUPPORT

This grant program supports the following State Board of Education priorities, policies, and programs: Attain substantial and meaningful improvement in academic achievement for all students/children with primary emphasis on high priority schools and students; continue to advocate and promote high school reform, with an emphasis on relevance, relationships, and implementation; and the Universal Education Vision and Principles.

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE OF GRANT

Competitive Formula New Continuation *(check all that apply)*

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 provides for a State Fiscal Stabilization Fund with the express purpose of providing fiscal relief to the states to prevent tax increases and cutback in critical education and other services. States must use 81.8% of the allocated funds to support elementary, secondary, and higher education. State use of funds is directed in the legislation.

CRITERIA

Date criteria were last approved N/A

Defined in Legislation Defined in Department's Approved Grant Application to the Funder Proposed by Staff

The State Fiscal Stabilization Fund grants will be awarded in exchange for a commitment to advance essential education reforms to benefit students. The funds must not only be invested quickly, but wisely in order to strengthen education, drive reforms, and improve results for students from early learning through college. Reforms such as the following will be addressed with Targeted LEA Stabilization grants:

1. Making progress toward rigorous college- and career-ready standards and high-quality assessments that are valid and reliable for all students, including English language learners and students with disabilities;
2. Establishing pre-K-to college and career data systems that track progress and foster continuous improvement;
3. Making improvements in teacher effectiveness and in the equitable distribution of qualified teachers for all students, particularly students who are most in need;
4. Providing intensive support and effective interventions for the lowest-performing schools.

The applicants for this grant program will be held to a high standard of accountability through rigorous specificity in the application, reporting, and evaluation process, as required by the additional federal guidance.

Any funds available for subgrants to LEAs must be allocated on a formula basis. The allocations will be based on the latest federal Title I formula. Funds received by LEAs must be used for any activity authorized by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the Adult and Family Literacy Act, or the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 or for modernization, renovation or the repair of public school facilities, including modernization, renovation and repairs that are consistent with a recognized green building system. Funds may not be used for payment of maintenance costs, stadiums or other facilities primarily used for athletic contests or exhibitions, or events for which admission is charged to the public, purchase or upgrading of vehicles, or improvement of stand-alone facilities whose purpose is not the education of children (i.e., central administrative office). Any modernization, renovation or repair must be consistent with state law.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS/TARGET POPULATION TO BE SERVED BY GRANT

Local Education Agencies

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE

To be determined.

LEGISLATION

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Title XIV, Section 14001

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