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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents and Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent *Carol*

SUBJECT: Consolidation of Operations or Services Grant Announcement (22g)

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is pleased to announce that as the result of a legislative change in PA 116 of 2014, funds originally appropriated under Section 22g of PA 60 of 2013, strictly for transition costs associated with the complete consolidation of districts or intermediate districts are now also available to districts and intermediate districts as reimbursement of transition costs associated with the consolidation of operations or services between two or more districts, intermediate districts, or other local units of government. Since a portion of the appropriation has already been awarded under the original legislation, an amount of approximately \$4,300,000 remains for additional consolidation projects.

Funding is available for consolidations that occurred on or after June 1, 2013. These competitive grants will be awarded based on the applicant meeting criteria one or two and criteria three and four below:

1. Consolidation of two or more public school districts or intermediate school districts
2. Consolidation of operations or services between two or more school districts, intermediate school districts, or other local units of government
3. Well defined cost savings, efficiencies, and educational system benefits
4. Completion timeframe well defined

MDE is currently in the process of developing an application through the Michigan Electronic Grants System (MEGS+) for this program. We anticipate the application will become available no later than July 1, 2014. MDE will accept applications through August 1, 2014 and announce awards by September 30, 2014.

To assist you in preliminary planning, a copy of the grant scoring summary that will be used to evaluate each grant application is attached. If you have any questions, please contact Christopher May at MayC@michigan.gov or 517-335-1263.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

Attachment

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2013-14 Consolidation of Operations or Services Grant

Scoring Sheet (Total Points Available: 165)

Entity Applying for Grant: _____

	Points Possible	Points Earned
<u>Project Overview</u>		
Project type: (Question 1 - SELECT ONE)		
a) Complete consolidation of districts or intermediate districts	50	
b) Consolidation of individual operations or services	25	_____
The project is: (Question 5 - SELECT ONE)		
a) Already started/completed	25	
b) Ready to begin	10	
c) Neither	0	_____
<u>Project Goals and Current Process (Questions 8 & 9)</u>		
8. Please state the goals of the project, including educational system benefits and expected outcomes	25	_____
9. Please provide a description of the current process of the operations or services that will be consolidated and why you are pursuing consolidation	10	_____
<u>Project Detail (Questions 10 - 14)</u>		
10. Please provide a clear explanation of each step of the project and how each step will work toward accomplishing the project goals outlined above	10	_____
11. Please describe any local school board resolutions or other commitments to proceed with this consolidation	10	_____
12. Please describe how this project could serve as a model for other districts, or if there is potential for further consolidation within this project	5	_____
13. Please describe any community involvement activities pertaining to this consolidation that have taken place or that will take place in the future	5	_____
14. Please describe the cost savings, taxpayer benefits, and educational system efficiencies that will be realized as a result of this project	15	_____
<u>Budget and Budget Narrative (Question 15)</u>		
15. Please provide a narrative that clearly explains the each expenditure on the project's budget, including how it relates to accomplishing the goals of the consolidation	10	_____

Total: 165

Reviewer Comments
