

THE STATE SCHOOL AID ACT OF 1979 (EXCERPT)
Act 94 of 1979

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388.1632n.added Before-school, after-school, before-and-after school and summer school programs; federally funded grants to eligible entities.

Sec. 32n. (1) From the federal funding appropriated under section 11, there is allocated for 2022-2023 only an amount not to exceed \$25,000,000.00 from the federal funding awarded to this state from the coronavirus state fiscal recovery fund under the American rescue plan act of 2021, title IX, subtitle M of Public Law 117-2, for the purposes of this section. The department shall develop a competitive grant program to distribute this funding to eligible entities, as described in subsection (2), as prescribed under this section.

(2) The department shall establish competitive grant criteria for the grant program described in subsection (1) for eligible applicants to expand access to quality, affordable programming before and after the school day or during the summer for young people. To be eligible for a grant under this section, the applicant must meet, at a minimum, all of the following criteria:

(a) Serve children in any of grades K to 12.

(b) Be a community-based organization that is exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code, 26 USC 501, an institution of higher education, a community or adult education program, a public library, a local government, or an intermediate district.

(c) Provide before-school, after-school, before-and-after-school, or summer school programming to children described in subdivision (a). These programs must be used to support expanded learning opportunities, including, but not limited to, mentoring, leadership, community engagement, agriculture, art, music, literacy, science, technology, engineering, mathematics, health, and recreation programming.

(d) Address measurable goals, including, but not limited to, improved school attendance, academic outcomes, positive behaviors, and skill acquisition, and include activities linked to research or quality practices.

(3) The department shall establish a competitive grant process for awarding funding under this section. The process must be posted publicly at least 30 days prior to the grant application period. The department shall develop the form and manner for applying for the grants. The application must include a request for information on the applicant's outreach to children, youth, and families who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals under the Richard B. Russell national school lunch act, 42 USC 1751 to 1769j. The application must be open for not less than 30 calendar days. At least 30 days before the application is opened, the department must publish on its public website the criteria that will be used in evaluating the application that must include, but are not limited to, priorities under subsection (5).

(4) Subject to subsection (8), in determining award amounts under this subsection, the department shall, to the extent practicable, ensure that eligible entities in all geographic regions of this state are represented in the distribution of grant funding under this section.

(5) Subject to subsection (8), the department shall prioritize the distribution of grant funding under this section based on, at a minimum, the following:

(a) An applicant's demonstrated need.

(b) The percentage of low-income families in the geographic area being served. Prioritization must be determined by the average percentage of pupils in the district who are eligible for free and reduced-priced meals as determined under the Richard B. Russell national school lunch act, 42 USC 1751 to 1769j, where eligible entities will provide before-and-after-school or summer school programs.

(c) Whether the application provides services for the full school year.

(d) The applicant's track record for providing quality, affordable before-and-after-school or summer school services.

(e) Whether an applicant serving children in any of grades K through 8 is licensed or is in the process of becoming licensed or has implemented the Michigan State Board of Education Michigan Out-of-School Time Standards of Quality. This does not preclude a nonlicensed entity from applying for funding under this section and being funded under this section.

(6) Subject to subsection (7), an eligible entity that receives grant funding under this section shall use the funding only to provide before-school, after-school, before-and-after-school, or summer school programming to children described in subsection (2)(a). The programming offered under this subsection must meet all of the following:

(a) Be provided to children in a manner in which the children are physically present at a building or location designated by the eligible entity.

(b) Provide educational programming in core subject areas, including, but not limited to, mathematics, reading, and science.

(c) Provide data to evaluate the program in a form and manner as prescribed by the department.

(7) Subject to subsections (2), (4), and (5), up to 2% of funding allocated under this section must be allocated to a nonprofit entity with experience serving youth-serving organizations to provide start-up grants and capacity building, professional development, and technical assistance for implementation of high-quality, evidence-based out-of-school time learning opportunities.

(8) The department shall award no less than 60% of the funding under this section to community-based organizations.

(9) Notwithstanding section 17b, the department shall make payments under this section in full upon grant award. Grantees that do not comply with reporting requirements, fail to provide the services proposed in their grant application, or close during the grant period may be required to repay the funding they received under this section to the department.

(10) The federal funding allocated under this section is intended to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and its negative impacts.

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