



COLORADO
Department of Education

ESSA Application for School Improvement (EASI)

Application Information Webinar

October 31, 2017

Intent of EASI Application

This new approach has been designed to:

- Maximize impact on student learning
- Incentivize innovative ideas
- Create fair and transparent processes
- Increase efficacy and efficiency
- Provide fairness and predictability to LEAs
- Prioritize LEAs with high numbers or high percentages of low-performing schools
- Align State and federal accountability expectations and supports

ESSA Application Routes



Exploration Supports

- Funds and/or services to explore a solution
- Planning phase does include implementation activities
- Diagnostic Review and Planning Support, Accountability Pathway Planning

Districtwide Services

District Designed and Led Improvement Strategies

- LEA has a plan or is already implementing a plan
- May include a comprehensive approach that includes planning and implementation phases.
- Must meet the District Designed Evaluation Requirements

- Existing supports or consultation that are focused at the district level
- Multi-Tiered Systems of Support, Turnaround Leaders and Development Program

CDE Offered Services

- Existing CDE program or support aimed at improving school systems
- Connect for Success, Turnaround Network, Accountability Pathway Implementation

Continuation of CDE Offered Services

- School is already participating in a program.
- CDE and LEA agree that continuation will result in improvements.

Eligibility and Available Funds

Eligibility

- LEAs with
 - ESSA identified schools (Comprehensive Support – CS - or Targeted Support – TS) *and/or*
 - Schools identified under state accountability (Priority Improvement or Turnaround)
- An LEA includes: School Districts, BOCES, Charter School Institute (CSI)
- The EASI program is designed to provide support services for all eligible schools, however, in the event that the amount requested exceeds the amount available, schools identified as CS will be given priority.

Available Funds

- Approximately \$9 million for district with schools identified through ESSA
- Approximately \$1.9 million for the state School Turnaround Leaders Development Grant
- The amount of funding a LEA may apply for is dependent on the chosen route(s). Within the Menu of Supports, each support within the routes lists the number of available slots and amount of funds available.

Eligibility and Program Options

Services and Funding Opportunities	ESSA Identified Only	ESSA and State Clock	State Clock Only
Exploration Supports Route			
Diagnostic Review and Planning <i>No DR in last 2 years</i>	Yes	Yes	No
Accountability Pathways Planning <i>Year 3-5 on clock</i>	No	Yes	CDE consultation only
Stakeholder and Community Engagement Planning	Yes	Yes	CDE consultation only
District Designed and Led Improvement Strategies Route			
District Designed and Led	Yes	Yes	No
CDE Offered Services Route			
Connect for Success – Must be elementary or K-8 – <i>No current Turnaround Network or TIG participation</i>	Yes	Yes	No
Turnaround Network <i>No current Connect for Success or Tiered Intervention Grant</i>	Yes	Yes	Services only
Continuation of CDE Offered Services Route			
This route only applies to schools currently participating in CDE offered services, including the Turnaround Network, Tiered Intervention (TIG) and Connect For Success. Schools have already met continuation requirements, so LEAs do not need to reapply within this application.			
Districtwide Support Route (May stand alone or work in tandem with another route)			
CDE Consultation	Yes	Yes	Services only
Colorado Multi-Tiered System of Supports (CO-MTSS)	Yes	Yes	Services only
School Turnaround Leaders Development	No	Yes	Yes

EASI Paper Application

The paper application is intended:

- To provide detailed information about the program
- To be a detailed document that contains a copy of all resources found on the EASI website; and
- To be used for planning application responses.

Tip: Use the paper application to plan your responses before entering them into the online application. You may also find it helpful to use a Word document to organize and edit your responses before “cutting and pasting” into the online application.

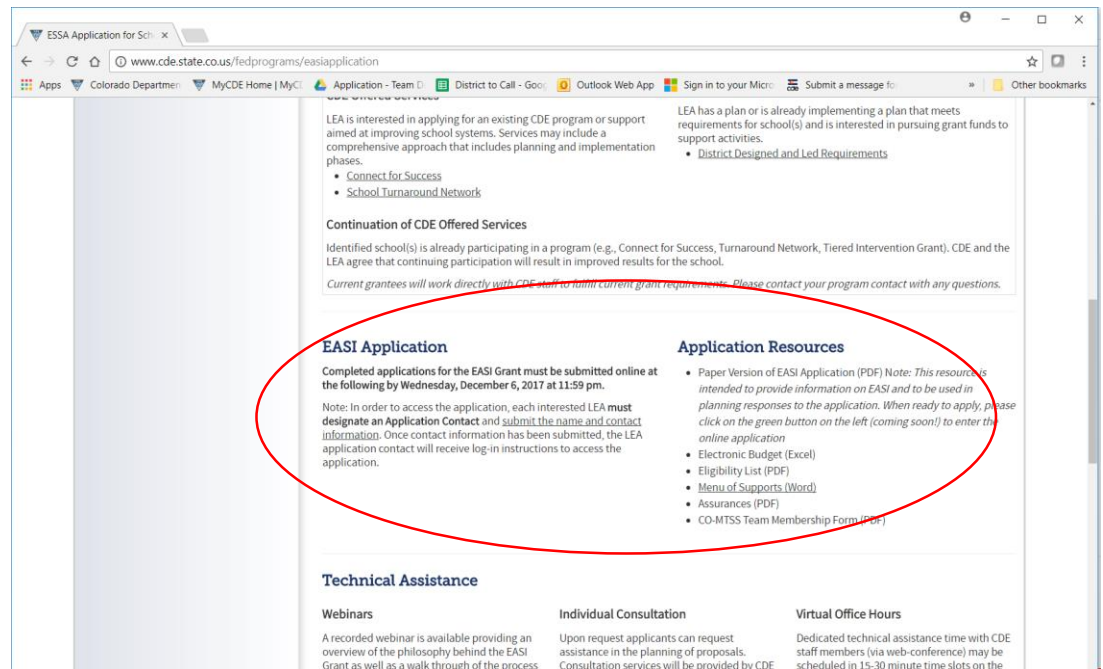
Note: applications submitted outside of the online system will not be accepted.

EASI Website

Program Website: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/fedprograms/easiapplication>

Program Information and Resources:

- Application Route Information
- Online Application Access
- Application Resources
- Additional Technical Assistance



Application Access

Applications for the ESSA Application for School Improvement (EASI) Grant will be submitted online.

To Access the Application: each interested LEA must designate an **Application Contact** and submit the name and contact information at the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EASlappaccess>.

Once contact information has been submitted, access instructions will be emailed to the Application Contact.

EASI Application Website

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/fedprograms/easiapplication>

Online Application

Additional Technical Assistance

Program Information Webinar

A recorded webinar is available providing an overview of the philosophy behind the EASI Grant as well as a walk through of the process and supports. Handouts can be found on the EASI website and the recording can be accessed at:

<https://enetlearning.adobeconnect.com/pj5956i6nnkd/>

Virtual Office Hours

Dedicated technical assistance time with CDE staff members (via web-conference) may be scheduled in 15-30 minute time slots on the following dates:

- **Tuesday, November 7:** 10:00 am – 11:30 am
- **Wednesday, November 15:** 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
- **Tuesday, November 21:** 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
- **Monday, November 27:** from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

To register for office hours, visit:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080545AAAA2AA2FE3-easi.

Individual Technical Assistance

Upon request, Individual Technical Assistance is available. To request technical assistance:

For General Questions:

Laura Meushaw
303-866-6618 |
Meushaw_L@cde.state.co.us

For Online Application Technical Assistance:

Anna Young
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General Application Questions	Laura Meushaw (Meushaw_L@cde.state.co.us or 303-866-6618) Kim Burnham (Burnham_K@cde.state.co.us or 303-866-6916)
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Budget Questions	Evan Davis (Davis_E@cde.state.co.us or 303-866-6129)
Exploration Supports Route	
Diagnostic Review and Planning	Laura Meushaw (Meushaw_L@cde.state.co.us or 303-866-6618) Jennifer Morgan (Morgan_J@cde.state.co.us or 303-866-5499)
Accountability Pathways Planning	Brenda Bautsch (Bautsch_B@cde.state.co.us or 303-866-6174)
Stakeholder and Community Engagement Planning	Lisa Medler (Medler_L@cde.state.co.us or 303-866-6993) Darcy Hutchins (Hutchins_D@cde.state.co.us or 303-866-5921)
District Designed and Led Improvement Strategies Route	
District Designed and Led	Brad Bylsma (Bylsma_B@cde.state.co.us or 303-866-6937) Laura Meushaw (Meushaw_L@cde.state.co.us or 303-866-6618)
CDE Offered Services Route	
Connect for Success	Laura Meushaw (Meushaw_L@cde.state.co.us or 303-866-6618)
Turnaround Network	Lindsey Jaeckel (Jaeckel_L@cde.state.co.us or 303-866-4104)
Districtwide Support Route	
Colorado Multi-Tiered System of Supports (CO-MTSS)	Scott Ross, PhD (Ross_S@cde.state.co.us or 303-866-6853)
School Turnaround Leaders Development	Peter Sherman (Sherman_P@cde.state.co.us or 303-866-6758)
CDE Consultation	
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Services for Students with Disabilities	Toby King (King_T@cde.state.co.us or 303-866-6964) Wendy Sawtell (Sawtell_W@cde.state.co.us or 303-866-6749)
Early Literacy	Alex Frazier (Frazier_A@cde.state.co.us or 303-908-1096) Donna Bright (Bright_D@cde.state.co.us or 303-866-6002)
Dropout Prevention and Student Re-engagement	Judith Martinez (Martinez_J@cde.state.co.us or 303-866-6127)
High Leverage Family and Community Engagement Strategies	Darcy Hutchins (Hutchins_D@cde.state.co.us or 303-866-5921)
School Board Training (in partnership with the Center for School Turnaround)	Peter Sherman (Sherman_P@cde.state.co.us or 303-866-6758)

Application Timeline

Oct 31	Application Information Webinar
Nov 7 Nov 15, Nov 21 Nov 27	Virtual Office Hours
Dec 6, 2017	Applications due to CDE
Dec 2017	Review of Applications
Jan 12, 2018	Applicants will be notified of application status.
Jan - Feb 2018	LEAs receiving grants will work with CDE to finalize grant activities, budget, and an implementation timeline.