



EASI Grant 2020: Initial Revision Process

January 2021

We received an EASI grant! What now?

- You should have received an initial notification letter for your EASI grant on 1/25. You will want that letter to reference during this webinar.
- This webinar will focus on the process for districts that received an EASI grant that:
 - Has one or more elements that are “**Approved with Changes.**”
 - Received any of their EASI award with **federal funds**, which are eligible for the inclusion of Indirect Costs
- NOTE: This means that if your entire award is listed as “Approved,” and you received only state funds, you do not need to do anything (including listen to this webinar, although you are welcome to!)



Step 1: Log in to your application

Step 2: Review any required changes

- Use the same password you used to apply to [log back in to the platform](#)
- Scroll down and click “View Review Feedback”

District Designed and Led Improvement Strategies LEA has a plan or is already implementing a plan that meets requirements for school(s) and is interested in pursuing grant funds to support activities.	Additional Information: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• District Designed and Led Improvement Requirements
Offered Services LEA is interested in applying for an existing CDE program or support aimed at improving school systems. Services may include a comprehensive approach that includes planning and implementation phases.	Additional Information: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Connect for Success• School Turnaround Network• Accountability Pathways Planning and Implementation• Colorado Multi-Tiered System of Supports• School Turnaround Leaders Development Program
Piloted Services LEAs interested in applying for participation in a new piloted support aimed at improving school systems.	Additional Information: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facilitated Board Training for School Improvement Pilot

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Step 2: Review any required changes

- Find the required changes in the green boxes within the application
- Changes may be required within the narrative, the budget, or both:

Review Feedback

Status:

Meets

Comments:

Request is overbudget. Each participating school is eligible for \$25,000 per year to support the DDL initiative. Revise budget to reflect this amount (\$375,000) for the three years.

Review Feedback

Status:

Partially Meets

Comments:

Listed survey results, but did not provide description of how stakeholders were consulted in a meaningful way. for the proposed activities. Please provide this information.



Step 3: Respond to any required changes

- Once you have reviewed the required changes, go back to the welcome page and click “Update Application:”

Piloted Services

LEAs interested in applying for participation in a new piloted support aimed at improving school systems.

Additional Information:

- [Facilitated Board Training for School Improvement Pilot](#)

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Update Application

Step 3: Respond to any required changes

- You will now be in an editable version of your application.
- Edit narrative changes directly into the text boxes.
- If you have required changes to your budget, use the pencil icon to edit a budget line, or the trash can icon to delete a line:

Fiscal Year	Program Code	Object Code	Salary Position	FTE	Requested Amount	Options
Year 2 (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022)	ImprovementInstructionalServices	0300		0.00	20000.00	 
Year 2 (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022)	ImprovementInstructionalServices	0300		0.00	20000.00	 
Total:					\$40,000.00	

Step 4: Include indirect costs for federal awards

- Indirect costs are ONLY applied to your federal awards, NOT your state awards. You may have some of each.
- Your award letter includes a table that looks like this. For state awards, the indirect amounts will be \$0:

School Number	School Name	Service	Funding Source	Fiscal Year 20-21 Indirect Rate	Federal Year 1 Indirect Max Allowed	Year 1 Direct Costs if taking Max Federal Indirect Costs	Cohort 4 Year 1 Total Award
████	██████████	Initial	Federal	10.50%	\$ 2,173.64	\$ 20,701.36	\$ 22,875.00
Total					\$ 2,173.64	\$ 20,701.36	\$ 22,875.00

- This table lets you know the allowable indirect amount for any federal awards
- You may take less than or equal to the max allowed amount for these awards
- Indirect costs must be accounted for within the total award amount (Note: this is a change from previous EASI grants. This new process aligns with how indirect costs are handled with other federal awards.)



Step 4: Include indirect costs for federal awards

- You will edit your budget (using the steps described above) to incorporate indirect costs into your federal awards for Year 1 only, if you choose to do so.
- Example (see previous slide screenshot for source data):
 - Total federal award is for \$22,875
 - Max indirect amount (from table in letter) is \$2,174
 - District wishes to take the entire indirect amount
 - You will need to identify \$2,174 in costs that are currently budgeted, remove them, and replace them with a new budget line item for \$2,174 labeled “Indirect Costs”
 - The new amount of direct costs in the budget will be \$20,701, and the indirect costs will be \$2,174. ***The total award remains \$22,875.***
- You will need to repeat this process for each federal award for which you want to take indirect costs.
- This is how indirect costs work with all other federal awards
- **Remember!** This is optional!
- **Remember!** After including indirects, your total award may not exceed the amount in your award letter.



Step 5: Resubmit your application

- Step through the application wizard and then click “Submit EASI Application”

Summary and Submit

Thank you for completing the Empowering Action for School Improvement (EASI) application.

Applications will be reviewed based on the rubric associated with the route selected to ensure all required components listed in the [application planning document](#) under “Selection Criteria and Evaluation Rubric” are addressed.

To be considered for participation in each route selected, LEAs and schools must meet all the requirements listed in each applicable scoring section. In cases where LEAs are applying for multiple schools, a single school with a weak application will not necessarily prevent awards or release of funds for other schools or the LEA.

Applications that do not meet all requirements may be asked to submit revisions that would bring the application to an approvable level. There is no guarantee that submitting an application will result in funding or funding at the requested level. All award decisions are final.

Are you ready to submit your Application for Empowering Action for School Improvement (EASI)?

*** [Click here to review or print your application prior to submission.](#) ***

Submit EASI Application

- Your support coordinator and/or the EASI team will let you know if we have any questions
- Once your revisions are approved and your award is finalized, you will receive final notification and your GAL(s)



Questions?

