



Local Accountability System Grant

Background

In 2019, the State Legislature passed [SB 19-204](#) to provide grant money to local education providers that adopt local accountability systems.

Applicants may supplement the statewide performance indicators by using additional measures of the statewide performance indicators and by using additional indicators of student success. A local accountability system is supplemental to the state accountability system and may be designed to:

- Fairly and accurately evaluate student success using multiple measures to develop a more comprehensive understanding of each student's success, including additional performance indicators or measures, which may include non-academic student outcomes such as student engagement, attitudes, and dispositions toward learning;
- Evaluate the capacity of the public school systems operated by the local education provider to support student success; and
- Use the results obtained from measuring student success and system support for student success as part of a cycle of continuous improvement.

This program is also intended to enable the state to learn from innovation in the field. The department is expected to evaluate the awards, as well as convene applicants annually to facilitate and support learning.

Current Application Request for Proposals

[Local Accountability System Grant Application](#) (Word)

[Budget Template](#) (Excel)

Due Thursday, December 19, 2019, by 11:59 p.m.

Application Information Webinar:

November 19, 1-2pm

<https://zoom.us/j/319045359>

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Key Facts

- A total of \$450,000 is available. \$25k - \$50k per single LEP; Up to \$75k per consortium per year.
- Requests can be made for up to 3 years.
- Priority is given to rural LEPs and previous commitment to local accountability system development.
- Awardees may work with an external partner.
- Awardees may submit a Supplemental Performance Report or Alternative Improvement Plan for public posting.
- CDE will convene all grant recipients annually to facilitate and support learning.





Frequently Asked Questions

If awarded, do we need to reapply each year or do we automatically get the grant dollars for three years?

Applicants may apply for up to three years and will need to provide a reasonable rationale and plan within the application. The subsequent years will be contingent upon appropriations by the General Assembly and upon the grantee meeting all grant, fiscal and reporting requirements.

Who is eligible to apply?

The grant opportunity is available to all Colorado Local Education Providers (LEP) or a group of LEPs. This includes school districts, BOCES, and charter schools (authorized through CSI and through districts).

If approved, do the state performance frameworks still apply to us? Do we still need to complete a UIP?

For applicants that choose to design and/or implement a supplemental performance report, the report does not replace the state performance frameworks, nor does it affect state plan types (e.g., official ratings and total percentage of points on the state frameworks will not reflect the supplemental measures).

For applicants that choose to design and/or implement an alternate planning format, the plan may replace the use of the Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) template. However, the plan must meet all state, federal and program requirements that are covered by the state Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) process. A listing of requirements is available at

[\[http://www.cde.state.co.us/uip/statute_and_policy_guidance_references_for_uip\]](http://www.cde.state.co.us/uip/statute_and_policy_guidance_references_for_uip).

Grantees that choose to utilize their own planning format must submit their local plans to the department for review (if required) and public posting and are still expected to follow typical state submission timelines (e.g., January for districts/schools on performance watch or identified for improvement through ESSA). The biennial flexibility for districts/schools with a performance plan remains available.

How will CDE display our supplemental performance report or alternate improvement plan?

CDE will post reports and plans on SchoolView at: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/schoolview/performance>