Relevant Near Future Grant Opportunities

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Please Note: Most of the information presented here are anticipated opportunities, and are subject to change or many not actually be released. The summaries provided in many anticipated cases are based on the last open round for this competition. It is possible that some of the information below will change when the new RFP is released.

Funding Opportunity: Funding for training and education to prevent school violence, development of systems to prevent school violence.

BJA STOP School Violence – Mental Health Training

General: Funds:

- 1) Training to prevent student violence against others and self, including training for local law enforcement officers, school personnel, and students. This can also include specialized training for school officials to respond to mental health crises.
- 2) The development and operation of anonymous reporting systems for threats of school violence, including mobile telephone applications, hotlines, and internet websites. Threat assessment and/or intervention teams must coordinate with law enforcement agencies and school personnel.
- 3) The development and deployment of
 - a) School threat assessment and intervention teams that include coordination with law enforcement agencies and school personnel
 - b) Specialized training for school officials in responding to mental health crises

Eligibility: The grant has 4 categories, Category 1 and 2 are for states. School districts and units of local government are eligible for Category 3 and 4.

Funding: For schools and public agencies, approximately 80 awards up to \$750,000.

Priorities: High-poverty areas

Expected Release Date: February-March 2022

For More Information: https://bja.ojp.gov/program/stop-school-violence-program/overview

Opportunity: Funding for school safety improvement.

School Violence Prevention Program

General: SVPP is designed to provide funding to improve security at schools and on school grounds in the grantee's jurisdiction through evidence-based school safety programs. FY 2020 funding may be used for coordination with local law enforcement; training for local law enforcement officers to prevent school violence against others and self; placement and use of metal detectors, locks, lighting, and other deterrent measures; acquisition and installation of technology for expedited notification of local law enforcement during an emergency; and any other measure that, in the determination of the COPS Office Director, may provide a significant improvement in security.

Eligible Costs:

SVPP funding will provide up to 75% funding for the following school safety measures in and around K-12 schools and school grounds for the following activities:

- > Coordination with local law enforcement
- Training for local law enforcement officers to prevent student violence against others and self
- Placement and use of metal detectors, locks, lighting, and other deterrent measures
- Acquisition and installation of technology for expedited notification of local law enforcement during an emergency
- Any other measure that, in the determination of the COPS Office Director, may provide a significant improvement in security

The following are the eligible costs:

- ➤ Coordination—Civilian/Nonsworn Personnel (Salaries and Benefits). Please note that personnel hired under SVPP must function in a role directly related to the SVPP project (examples of allowable personnel may include project coordinators, project managers, technology managers, emergency management coordinators, or trainers).
- **Equipment**. Entry control equipment, school site alarm and protection systems.
- ➤ **Technology.** Communication technology, emergency alerts, identification technology, laptops, maps of schools and bus routes, printers, social media monitoring, tracking systems, and video surveillance technology.
- > **Supplies.** Manuals, paper, pens, and postage.
- **Travel/Training** for law enforcement officers to prevent school violence.
- > Contracts/Consultants.
- > Subawards.
- ➤ Other costs. Allowable overtime, other office supplies not already listed, and shipping costs.

School Resource Officers is not an eligible cost.

Eligibility: The COPS Office School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP) solicitation is open to all states, units of local government, Indian tribes, and their public agencies.

Funding: Up to \$500,000 over the 3 year period. Expected awards nation-wide 150. Up to \$50 million is available through this year's COPS School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP).

There is a 25% local match for this grant.

Expected Release Date: March-May 2022

Project Duration: Three years

Recommendations: It is recommended school districts first consult with their local law enforcement agency and county mental health agency in regard to their interest. They will need to be either a partner or the lead agency. This is competitive but there is twice as much funding this year, so it is less competitive than last year.

For More Information: https://cops.usdoj.gov/svpp

Opportunity: Purchase food service equipment.

FY 2022 National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Equipment Assistance Grant for School Food Authorities (SFAs)

The School Food Service Equipment Grant is intended to provide schools the opportunity to purchase equipment that will allow the school to: serve healthier meals that meet the updated meal patterns, improve the overall quality of meals, improve efficiency of production and service and expand participation.

Eligibility: All schools under a School Food Authority (SFA) in the NSLP are eligible. The SFA will apply on behalf of their eligible schools.

Requirements: The SFA will submit a separate application for each piece of requested equipment for an eligible school.

Priorities/Bonus points:

➤ If the school hasn't had a previous award in FY 2018, 2019, and 2020 – 10 points Note: We (not NYSED) recommend you don't apply unless you have at least 10 bonus points Previous Food Service Equipment Grant Recipients

Funds Available: \$1.85 million statewide, grants minimum is \$1,000 and grant maximum is \$20,000 per school.

Due Date: 31 March 2022

Analysis: This is a simple application. If assistance is provided, it will still be up to the food service director to identify the equipment, get at least three (apples to apples) quotes, and provide the reason the equipment is needed.

For More Information: https://www.p12.nysed.gov/funding/2021-national-school-lunch-program/home.html

Interested in Grant Writing Support: Due to expected high quantity of grants expected, please notify Chris Semler at <u>Chris.Semler@wflboces.org</u> by March 1, 2022. Also, food service directors will need to provide 3 quotes for each piece of equipment by March 12th.

Opportunity: Provide wrap-around services at a high needs school. **Full-Service Community Schools (FSCS)**

General: FSCS provide comprehensive academic, social, and health services for students, students' family members, and community members that will result in improved educational outcomes for children. Awardees will: 1) Coordinate not less than three existing pipeline services, as of the date their grants are awarded, and provide not less than two additional pipeline services, at two or more public elementary schools or secondary schools; (2) to the extent practicable, integrate multiple pipeline services into a comprehensive and coordinated continuum to meet the holistic needs of children; and (3) if applicable, coordinate and integrate services provided by community-based organizations and government agencies with services provided by specialized instructional support personnel. Pipeline Services include:

- 1. Early childhood education.
- 2. School and out-of-school-time. To include remedial education, aligned with academic supports and other enrichment activities, providing students with a comprehensive academic program, and mentoring and other youth development programs.

- 3. Support for a child's transition to elementary, and secondary education to postsecondary education.
- 4. Family and community engagement, including parental involvement, parent leadership, family literacy, and parent education programs; adult education, including instruction of adults in English as a second language; and job training and career counseling services; and activities that improve access to and use of social service programs and programs that promote family financial stability; mental health services.
- 5. Postsecondary and workforce readiness, to include mentoring and other youth development programs.
- 6. Community-based support for students who have attended the schools in the area served by the pipeline.
- 7. Social, health, nutrition and mental health services/supports, to include physical activities, primary health and dental.
- 8. Juvenile crime prevention and rehabilitation programs, to include programs that provide assistance to students who have been chronically absent, truant, suspended, or expelled.

Eligibility: Local Education Agencies and a least one community partner (Community Based Organization or Non-Profit)

Awards: Funding has been increased from \$17 million to \$413 million with an expected 800 awards nation-wide at up to \$500,000 a year for 5 Years.

Other Information: This is the most obtainable grant from the U.S. Department of Education in at least a decade. This is a heavy lift even with grant writer assistance. Applicants will need to provide comprehensive local data, participate in project design with partners and the community, and negotiate agreements with partners. District will have to establish a System of Award Management (SAM) account, and a Grants.gov account if they haven't already done so.

Anticipated Release Date: March 2022

For More Information also see Program Office Information

Opportunity: Funding for archiving records and establishing records management systems.

Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) Grants

General: Provides funds to help local governments establish records management programs or develop new program components.

Eligible Funding Costs:

- Records-lifecycle management of electronic mail.
- Disaster Management
- Historical Records
- File Management
- Document Conversion and Access.

Eligibility: Municipalities, school districts, BOCES, and consortiums of eligible organizations. Shared Services projects (two or more eligible applicants working together – to include past the grant

cycle) continue to be a priority for funding and the State Archives. Preference will be given to applications proposing to establish new shared services consortiums for the management of records. This preference will be expressed in the form of bonus points (10).

Funding: Individual grant projects will typically receive up to \$75,000. Shared services projects will receive up to \$150,000.

Expected Release Date: December 2021-January 2022

For More Information: http://www.archives.nysed.gov/grants/grants_lgrmif.shtml

Analysis: This is an achievable grant but it has a very low return on investment and is already a CoSer service. Very time intensive. Requires a detailed inventory of records by the grantee.

Opportunity: Fund synchronous interactive distance learning to expand educational opportunities from colleges and other schools. Recommended for districts with a municipal population with less than 10,000 and where students are not able to take courses due to low-enrollment.

USDA Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grants

The grant to provide distance learning in rural communities. There are three categories of eligible purposes: 1) equipment; 2) acquiring instructional programming, (to include video conferencing licenses); and 3) technical assistance and instruction for using eligible equipment. The intent of the program is to benefit rural areas (20,000 or less). Typical end-users are rural facilities such as elementary, secondary, and other educational institutions, rural hospitals, primary care centers, or other community facilities. The program helps rural communities use the unique capabilities of telecommunications to connect to each other and to the world, overcoming the effects of remoteness and low population density. For example, this program can link teachers and clinicians with students in a rural school or on their personal device with both educational and clinical services.

Eligibility: Non-profits, School Districts (in communities of less than 20,000 people), hospitals, municipalities, government agencies, tribal governments.

Awards: Approximately 80 to 90 up to \$1,000,000, 3-Year program.

Match: A 15% match is required.

Expected Release Date: November-December 2022

Analysis: This is a very achievable grant. Districts may purchase the equipment after they submit an application but would need to wait for reimbursement until the application is approved for funding.

For More Information

Opportunity: Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) funding for projects to support job creation across the state.

NYS Consolidated Funding Application, Regional Economic Development Council initiative

General: The NYS Consolidated Funding Application supports each Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) will continue to implement its strategic plan and continue to identify and invest in significant economic development projects. Normally, approximately \$750

million in state resources to be made available through the CFA to support economic development priorities of the strategic plans and job creation across the state. Possible Opportunities:

- > Funding equipment for CTEs and P-TECHS
- ➤ Workforce Development Programs, especially those that lead to a certificate and employment in a high demand occupation.

Eligibility: businesses, municipalities (to include BOCES and school districts), not-for-profits and the public can apply for assistance from dozens of state programs, through a single application, for job-creation and community development projects.

Awards: Project dependent, some funds require a match, which can be in-kind.

Expected Release: May 2022

For More Information: The REDC Guidebook from the previous round is accessible at

http://www.regionalcouncils.ny.gov/.