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Educator Effectiveness Block Grant 2022

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The Educator Effectiveness Block Grant (EEBG) is a program providing funds to county offices of education, school districts, charter schools, and state special schools to provide professional learning and to promote educator equity, quality, and effectiveness.

As a condition of receiving funds for educator effectiveness, LEAs shall develop and adopt a plan for expenditure of funds, which requires the plan to be explained in a public meeting of the governing board of the school district, county board of education, or governing body of the charter school before its adoption in a subsequent meeting. Funds may be expended for the purposes identified in [Assembly Bill 130, Chapter 44, Section 22](#) and [Assembly Bill 167, Chapter 252, Section 9](#) and mentioned below in the “Planned Use of Funds” section. These expenditures may take place over fiscal years 2021–22, 2022–23, 2023–24, 2024–25, and 2025–26. LEAs may use these allocated funds to provide professional learning for teachers, administrators, paraprofessionals who work with students, and classified staff that interact with students in order to promote educator equity, quality, and effectiveness. The funding is distributed in an equal amount per unit of full-time equivalent certificated and classified staff as reported in California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data and California Basic Educational Data System for the 2020–21 fiscal year. This funding for certificated and classified staff shall not exceed the total certificated staff and classified staff count.

Expenditure Plan

Total Educator Effectiveness Block Grant funds awarded to the LEA
2,088,313

The following table provides the LEA’s expenditure plan for how it will use EEBG funds to provide professional learning for teachers, administrators, paraprofessionals who work with students, and classified staff that interact with students in order to promote educator equity, quality, and effectiveness. The allowable use categories are listed below.

Allowable Use of Funds	Planned Use of Funds (Actions)	Planned Expenditures
1. Coaching and mentoring of staff serving in an instructional setting and beginning teacher or administrator induction, including, but not limited to, coaching and mentoring solutions that address a local need for teachers that can serve all pupil populations with a focus on retaining teachers, and offering structured feedback and coaching systems organized around social-emotional learning, including, but not limited to, promoting teacher self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationships, and responsible decision making skills, improving teacher attitudes and beliefs about one’s self and others, and	<p>Student Programs</p> <p>1. Teacher on Special Assignment will provide coaching and on-site professional development to certificated and classified staff focused on instructional, behavioral, and social-emotional strategies. This position will also support beginning teachers. (\$232,302)</p> <p>Special Education</p> <p>1. Teacher on Special Assignment will provide coaching and perform on-site professional development for certificated and classified staff in support of</p>	944,706

Allowable Use of Funds	Planned Use of Funds (Actions)	Planned Expenditures
supporting learning communities for educators to engage in a meaningful classroom teaching experience.	instructional, behavioral, and social-emotional strategies. (\$712,404)	
2. Programs that lead to effective, standards-aligned instruction and improve instruction in literacy across all subject areas, including English language arts, history-social science, science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and computer science.	Special Education 1. Contracted services to deliver content area training in functional, basic, and advanced literacy and mathematics, communication strategies, technology, and history-social science, and science. (\$259,771)	259,771
3. Practices and strategies that reengage pupils and lead to accelerated learning.	Student Programs 1. Training contracts on practices and strategies to support accelerated learning, e.g., high-impact tutoring and mentoring for classified staff. (\$5,094).	5,094
4. Strategies to implement social-emotional learning, trauma-informed practices, suicide prevention, access to mental health services, and other approaches that improve pupil well-being.	Special Education 1. Training, workshops, or conferences to train staff on strategies to implement the CASEL Framework, social-emotional learning, trauma-informed practices, crisis intervention, Nurtured Heart/Strengthen Families with an emphasis on students with disabilities. (\$259,771)	259,771
5. Practices to create a positive school climate, including, but not limited to, restorative justice, training around implicit bias, providing positive behavioral supports, multitiered systems of support, transforming a schoolsite's culture to one that values diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds, and preventing discrimination, harassment, bullying, and intimidation based on actual or perceived characteristics, including disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, language, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, or sexual orientation.	Student Programs 1. Contracted services to provide consistent Multitiered Systems of support, e.g., PBIS, culturally responsive teaching, and implicit bias. (\$5,200) 2. Training for school staff to create practices of a positive school climate. (\$10,000) Special Education 1. Training, workshops, or conferences to train staff on practices that promote a positive school climate through professional development for teachers, administrators, and specialists by providing positive behavioral supports, multi-tiered systems of support, transforming a school site's culture into one that values diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds, and preventing	274,971

Allowable Use of Funds	Planned Use of Funds (Actions)	Planned Expenditures
	<p>discrimination, harassment, bullying, and intimidation based on actual or perceived characteristics, including disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, language, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, or sexual orientation. (\$199,771)</p> <p>2. Professional development in behavioral de-escalation practices that promotes a positive school climate and provides positive behavioral supports for staff. (\$60,000)</p>	
<p>6. Strategies to improve inclusive practices, including, but not limited to, universal design for learning, best practices for early identification, and development of individualized education programs for individuals with exceptional needs.</p>	<p>Special Education - Training included in item 4 and 5 above</p>	<p>NA</p>
<p>7. Instruction and education to support implementing effective language acquisition programs for English learners, which may include integrated languagedevelopment within and across content areas and building and strengthening capacity to increase bilingual and biliterate proficiency.</p>	<p>Student Programs and Special Education (Training included in MCOE Content Coordinator Services noted in item 2 above)</p>	<p>NA</p>
<p>8. New professional learning networks for educators not already engaged in an education-related professional learning network to support the requirements of subdivision (c).</p>	<p>Student Programs 1. Teacher stipends to participate in professional learning networks addressing strategies to increase instructional effectiveness. (\$24,000)</p> <p>Special Education 1. Training, workshops, or conferences to train staff to support the requirement of the implementation of the alternate pathway to a diploma. (\$60,000)</p>	<p>\$84,000</p>
<p>9. Instruction, education, and strategies to incorporate ethnic studies curricula adopted pursuant to Section 51226.7 into pupil instruction for grades 7 to 12, inclusive.</p>	<p>Student Programs (Training included in Content Area Contract noted in item 2 above will address the development of ethnic studies.)</p>	<p>NA</p>

Allowable Use of Funds	Planned Use of Funds (Actions)	Planned Expenditures
10. Instruction, education, and strategies for certificated and classified educators in early childhood education, or childhood development.	Special Education 1. Training and/or Bridges or Early Childhood certification through professional development and contracted services for preschool staff on research-based strategies for early childhood education and childhood development. (\$130,000)	130,000
11. Strategies to improve beginning teacher retention and support through teacher induction programs, including mentor training, stipends for mentor teachers, beginning teacher induction program costs following initial preparation, the examination or assessment fee for one administration of the reading instruction competence assessment or a teaching performance assessment, training mentors to support candidates in completing a performance assessment or reading instruction competence assessment, or contracting with commission-approved preliminary teacher preparation programs to provide mentoring support for the completion of required assessments.	Special Education 1. Supporting induction candidates through induction fees and/or teacher mentor stipends to improve beginning teacher retention. (\$130,000)	130,000
Subtotal		2,088,313.00

Educator Effectiveness Block Grant Plan Instructions

Introduction

A program providing funds to county offices of education, school districts, charter schools, and state special schools to provide professional learning and to promote educator equity, quality, and effectiveness.

For additional information regarding Educator Effectiveness Block Grant funding please see the web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/ca/educatoreffectiveness.asp>.

Purpose and Requirements

As noted in the Introduction, a program providing funds to county offices of education, school districts, charter schools, and state special schools to provide professional learning and to promote educator equity, quality, and effectiveness:

- To ensure professional development meets educator and pupil needs, local educational agencies are **encouraged to allow school site and content staff to identify the topic or topics of professional learning**. Professional learning provided pursuant to this section shall do both of the following:
 - Be **content focused**, incorporate **active learning**, support **collaboration**, use **models** of effective practice, provide **coaching** and **expert support**, offer **feedback** and **reflection**, and be of **sustained duration**.
 - As applicable, be aligned to the **academic content standards** adopted pursuant to Sections 51226, 60605, 60605.1, 60605.2, 60605.3, 60605.4, 60605.8, and 60605.11, and the model curriculum adopted pursuant to Section 51226.7, as those sections read on June 30, 2020, and former Section 60605.85, as that section read on June 30, 2014.

Areas that to be considered for funding as outlined in Education Code include:

- (1) **Coaching** and **mentoring** of staff serving in an instructional setting and beginning teacher or administrator induction, including, but not limited to, coaching and mentoring solutions that address a local need for teachers that can serve all pupil populations with a focus on retaining teachers, and offering structured feedback and coaching systems organized around social-emotional learning, including, but not limited to, promoting teacher self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationships, and responsible decision-making skills, improving teacher attitudes and beliefs about one's self and others, and supporting learning communities for educators to engage in a meaningful classroom teaching experience.
- (2) Programs that lead to effective, **standards-aligned instruction** and improve **instruction in literacy** across all subject areas, including English language arts, history-social science, science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and computer science.
- (3) Practices and strategies that **reengage pupils** and lead to **accelerated learning**.
- (4) Strategies to implement **social-emotional learning**, **trauma-informed practices**, **suicide prevention**, access to **mental health** services, and other approaches that improve pupil well-being.

(5) Practices to create a **positive school climate**, including, but not limited to, restorative justice, training around implicit bias, providing positive behavioral supports, multitiered systems of support, transforming a schoolsite's culture to one that values diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds, and preventing discrimination, harassment, bullying, and intimidation based on actual or perceived characteristics, including disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, language, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, or sexual orientation.

(6) Strategies to improve **inclusive practices**, including, but not limited to, universal design for learning, best practices for early identification, and development of individualized education programs for individuals with exceptional needs.

(7) Instruction and education to support implementing **effective language acquisition** programs for English learners, which may include integrated language development within and across content areas, and building and strengthening capacity to increase bilingual and biliterate proficiency.

(8) New **professional learning networks** for educators not already engaged in an education-related professional learning network to support the requirements of subdivision (c) - *see slide 12 for subdivision (c)*.

(9) Instruction, education, and strategies to incorporate **ethnic studies** curricula adopted pursuant to Section 51226.7 into pupil instruction for grades 7 to 12, inclusive.

(10) Instruction, education, and strategies for certificated and classified educators in **early childhood education**, or **childhood development**.

Instructions to complete the template:

Total Educator Effectiveness Block Grant funds awarded to the LEA

Provide the total amount of Educator Effectiveness Block Grant funds the LEA is awarded.

Allowable Use of Funds Table

The table is in three parts, **Allowable Use of Funds**, **Planned Use of Funds (Actions)**, and **Planned Expenditures**. Data is only required in the **Planned Use of Funds** and **Planned Expenditures** columns.

(1) Allowable Use of Funds

The LEA must specify the amount of EEBG funds that it intends to use to implement a planned action. This column is prepopulated with the allowable uses of funds. There is no need to input additional information in this column.

(2) Planned Use of Funds (Actions)

- Provide a description of the action(s) the LEA will implement using EEBG funds. The description can be brief and/or in list form. Include the group that will receive the professional learning (teachers, administrators, paraprofessionals who work with students and classified staff that interact with students).

- An LEA has the flexibility to include planned use of funds/actions described in one or more areas list under **Allowable Use of Funds**. It is not required to include actions for every allowable use of funds listed.

(3) Planned Expenditures

Specify the amount of funds the LEA plans to expend to implement the action(s). The amount of funds included in this section should reflect the total funds planned to be expended over the life of the grant.

Fiscal Requirements

As a condition of receiving funds, a school district, COE, charter school, or state special school shall do **both** of the following:

- On or before **December 30, 2021**, develop and adopt a plan delineating the expenditure of funds apportioned pursuant to this section, including the professional development of teachers, administrators, paraprofessionals, and classified staff. The plan shall be **presented in a public meeting of the governing board** of the school district, county board of education, or governing body of the charter school, **before its adoption in a subsequent public meeting**.
- On or before **September 30, 2026**, report detailed expenditure information to CDE, including, but not limited to, specific **purchases** made and the **number of teachers, administrators, paraprofessional educators, or classified staff** that received professional development. The CDE shall determine the format for this report.

Funding apportioned pursuant to this section is subject to the **annual audits** required by Section 41020.