2025-26 GRANTS REPORT



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A message from Grant Services

Grant Services serves as a strategic partner in advancing SDCOE's organizational priorities and North Star goal. We work with divisions and departments to identify, secure, and steward grant resources that support the implementation of SDCOE's Strategic Priorities, including creating equitable opportunities for students, strengthening educational systems, enhancing employee capacity, and deepening partnerships with schools and communities. By aligning funding strategies with organizational goals, we help transform innovative ideas into sustainable programs and measurable impact.

This report showcases the breadth of our work in the 2025-26 fiscal year and the growing impact of grant-funded initiatives across SDCOE, demonstrating how strategic investment and collaboration contribute to improved outcomes for students, schools, and communities. We look forward to our continued work together!



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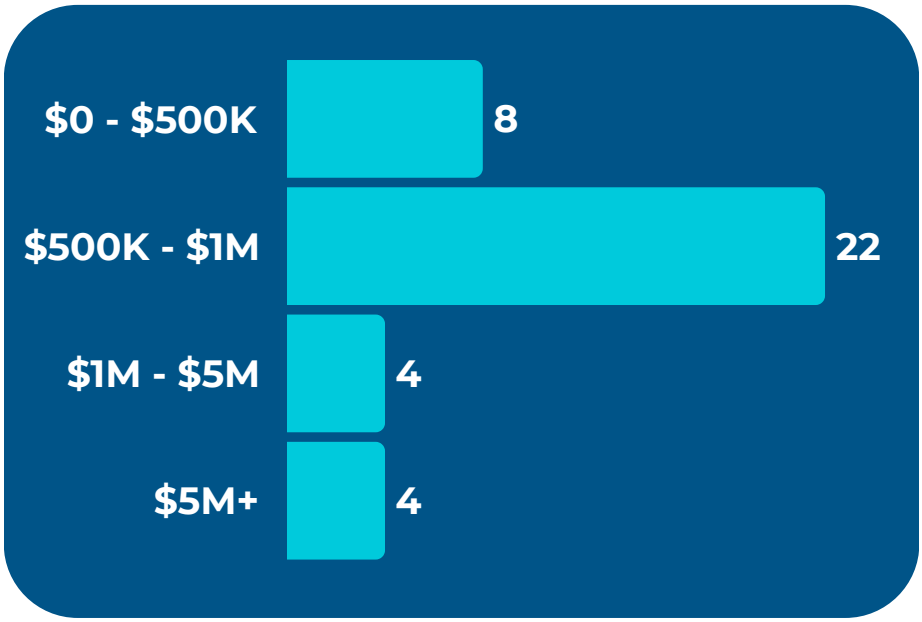
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The Year in Review

In alignment with SDCOE's Strategic Priorities, Grant Services continues to exemplify effective collaboration across divisions to collectively improve student outcomes through grant-funded transformational experiences.

Total funding awarded: $ 62,488,701

Awards by funding amount



56 Applications submitted

38 Applications awarded

2 Applications pending notification

26 Solicitations reviewed and assessed but not pursued

1 Other (e.g., declined)

Awards By Funding Type

Local: 3 | Private/Foundation: 3 | Federal: 3 | State: 29

HeartSpire

The SDCOE HeartSpire initiative is a $25 million, seven-year countywide grant program funded by the San Diego County District Attorney's Office that expands access to mental health, safety, wellness, and educational resources for K-12 students. It unifies the District Attorney's Office, schools, county services, and community organizations across San Diego County into an integrated network of support.

Cuyamaca Earmark

SDCOE received congressional funding for Cuyamaca Outdoor School for critical upgrades necessary to ensure student and staff safety and uninterrupted delivery of transformative residential science education to students from across the county.

List of Grants Awarded

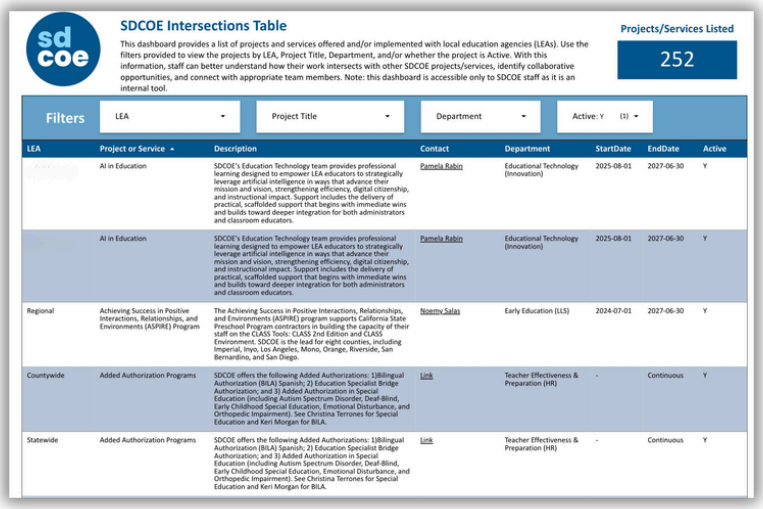
- 2025 Comprehensive Literacy State Development Grant Program | $550,000*
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- 2025 Kitchen Infrastructure and Training (KIT) Funds | $52,431.54
- 2025-26 Career Technical Education Incentive Grant (CTEIG) | $151,323
- 2025-26 Federal Preschool Grant - EC SELPA | $606,493
- 2025-26 Federal Preschool Grant - North Coastal SELPA | $624,184
- 2025-26 Federal Preschool Grant - North Inland SELPA | $353,576
- 2025-26 Federal Preschool Grant - South County SELPA | $431,130
- 2026-27 AmeriCorps State Funding | $875,000
- 2026-27 Career Technical Education Incentive Grant (CTEIG) | $256,040
- After School Education and Safety (ASES) Universal, Round 2 | $8,644,858.44
- Arts, Media & Entertainment Workforce Training Pilot Program Grant | $50,000
- ASES 21st Century Community Learning Centers Supplemental $5,700,000
- ASSETs 21st Century Community Learning Centers Supplemental | $1,050,000
- Bristol Meyers Squibb San Diego Invite (for Monarch Cybersecurity) | $2,500*
- Community Clean Energy Grant | $29,671.20
- Community Project Funding (Earmark) Cuyamaca School $850,000
- ESSA Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) - JCCS | $1,306,083
- ESSA CSI COE - Plan Approval | $570,652
- ESSA CSI COE - Plan Development and Implementation Support | $558,511
- FY26 Community Project Funding | $1,500,000
- Gates Foundation - College and Career Pathways Grant | $225,000*
- Geographic Lead Agency System (GeoLead) 25-26 | $592,267
- GSPP Implementation Grant | $1,384,577
- HeartSpire | $25,000,000
- IMPACT Legacy Renewal | $0 (extension awarded)
- K-12 Strong Workforce Program (K12-SWP) (high schools) | $838,826
- K-12 Strong Workforce Program (K12-SWP) (JCCS) | $707,443
- K-12 Strong Workforce Program (K12-SWP) (middle school) | $757,975
- Mandate Block Grant, Fiscal Year 2025-26 | $670,719
- Migrant Education 2026-27 | $5,855,386
- NISER School Counselor Residency Implementation Grant | $240,000
- Reversing Opioid Overdose FY 2025-26 | $231,186
- Secondary School Redesign Pilot Program (SSRP) | $750,000
- State Personnel Development Grant | $565,657*
- Student Support & Prof. Development Discretionary Block | $382,482
- Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Community of Practice | $3,000
- WorkAbility | $41,730

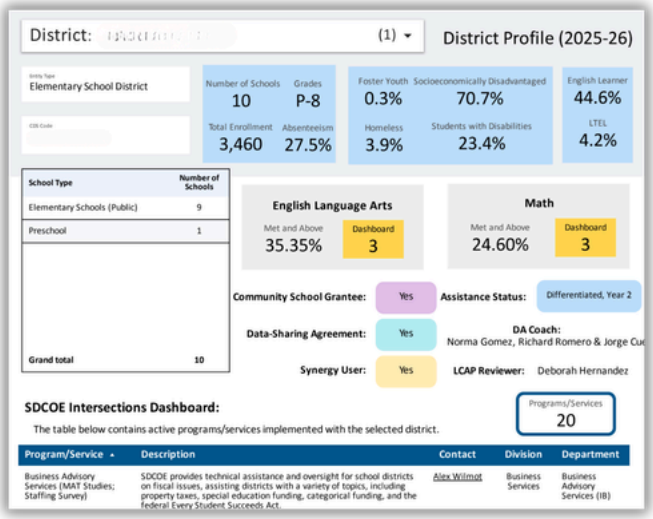
Note: As of September 9, 2026 SDCOE is awaiting notification on 2 grants totaling $5,073,926.

*SDCOE is a partner in another entity's grant

Intersections Dashboard

Grant Services developed and maintains the Intersections Dashboard as a shared tool in support of collaboration and coherence across divisions and departments.





250+
Active records display touchpoints with LEAs

168
Universal/general services available to LEAs

160+
LEAs listed

What Is It?

The Intersections Dashboard is an internal, interactive tool that helps to facilitate increased understanding of SDCOE programs, projects, and services. Staff can use the dashboard to explore:

- Programs offered to or implemented with specific local education agencies (LEAs)
- Univerval or general programs offered by SDCOE
- LEA Profiles that feature programs and services implemented in partnership with SDCOE along with publicly available demographic and performance data

How Are Teams Using the Intersections Dashboard?

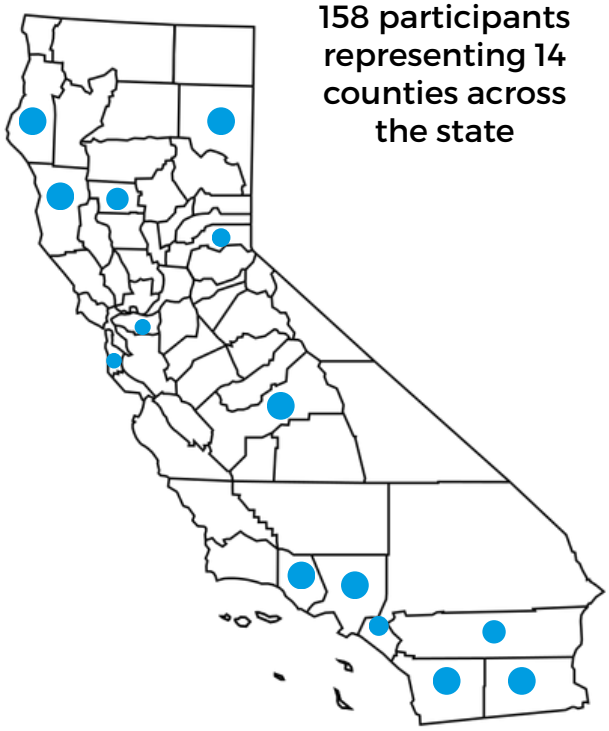
From strengthening partnerships to finding the right expertise, the dashboard helps staff navigate the breadth of SDCOE's work. Here are a few ways teams are putting it into action:

✔️Finding opportunities to connect and collaborate across departments

✔️Understanding current programs and needs for a particular LEA

✔️Learning about the wide range of services and supports offered across SDCOE

Professional Development



Offerings drew 158 participants representing 14 counties across the state

In 2025-26, Grant Services developed and presented several new professional development offerings.

From Award to Impact: Managing Grants with Confidence

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Participants at in-person training

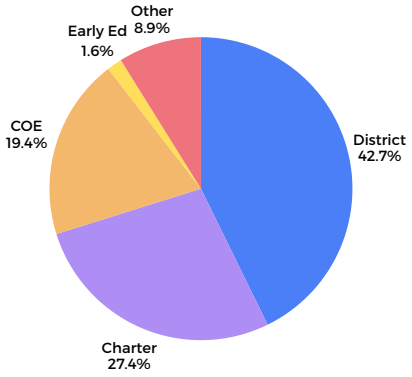
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reported improvement in feeling prepared to provide grant oversight, management, and compliance monitoring

Grant Basics in Small Bites

In FY 25-26, Grant Services developed and offered Grant Basics in Small Bites. Offered as seven one-hour webinars, our flexible PD series received overwhelmingly positive evaluations, with 100% of participants rating the sessions a 4 or 5 out of 5 and 84% awarded the highest rating of 5. Participant feedback reflected strong enthusiasm and appreciation; many highlighted the practical utility of the materials, noting they would apply what they learned directly with their schools and programs. Others expressed eagerness to continue their learning, calling for more sessions in the future.

Registrants by Organization Type



Strategic Plan Connection

Grant Services plays an integral role SDCOE's efforts to reduce poverty and increase belonging through public education, facilitating strategic, cross-departmental collaboration that aligns grant proposals to our board goals while providing the resources, professional development, and consistent processes that advance our North Star. In doing so, we actively engage Strategic Priority One—transforming our COE structures to foster belonging through trust, collaboration, and equity—and Strategic Priority Two, championing a collective responsibility to improve student outcomes through transformational experiences.

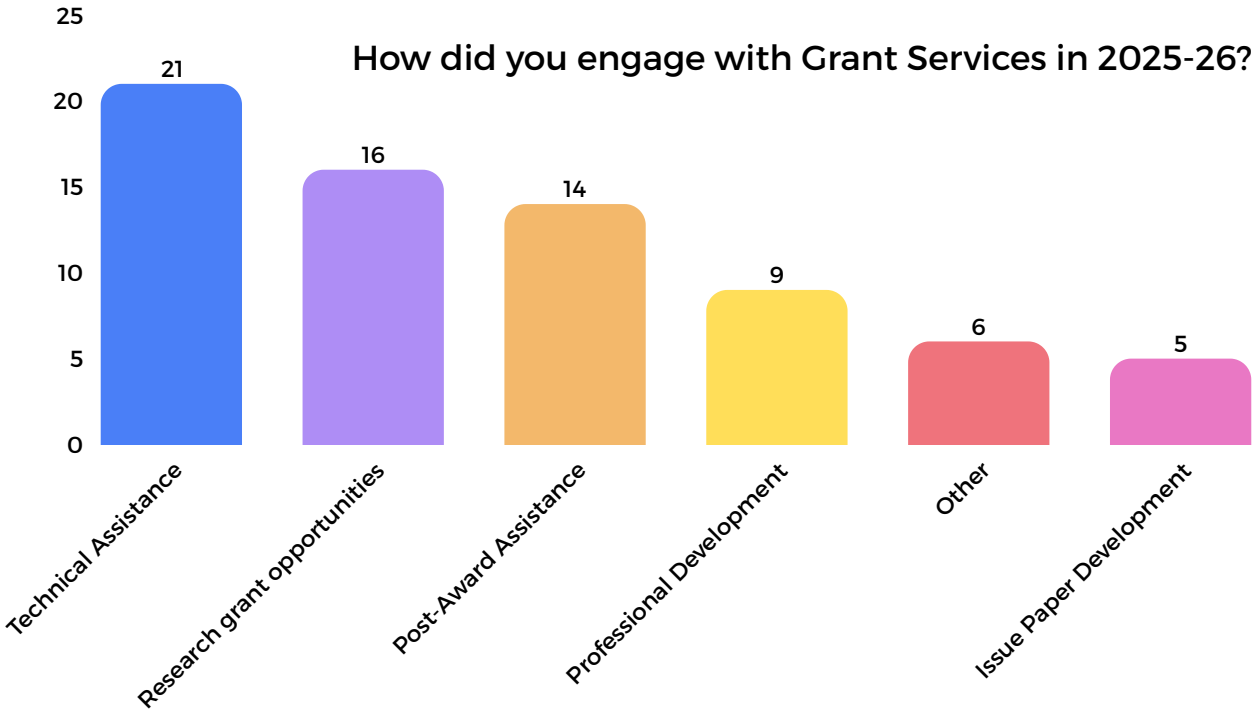
End of Year Survey

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Survey Respondents across 6 SDCOE divisions

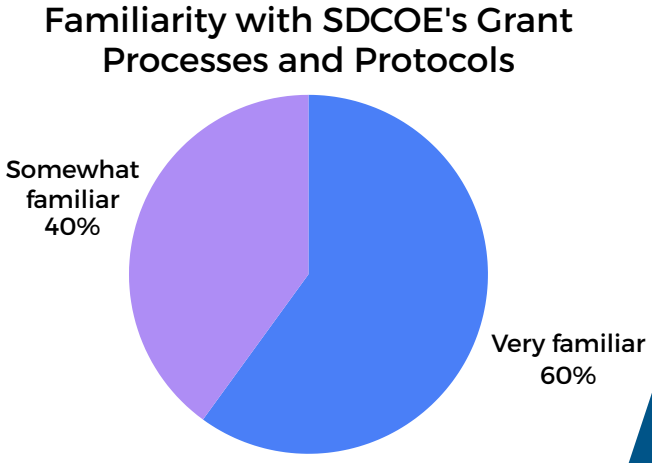
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Rating for the Grant Services team's ability to promote trust, value feedback, and communicate effectively



"The Grant Services Team is one of the most efficient and effective teams I've had the pleasure of working with at SDCOE."

"Fantastic department that has supported us via grant writing, research and post grant support. Thank you!"



Highlights & Impact



County Office of Education Grant Professionals Network

Grant Services co-leads this subcommittee of the California County Superintendents. The purpose is to bring together grant professionals throughout the state to support capacity building, collaboration, and a consistent exchange of best practices. In October 2025, our network hosted its second annual conference, hosting 150 attendees from across the state.

Mentoring Program

Grant Services provided 70 hours of small group and individual mentoring to seven school social workers to strengthen their grant skills. Survey data show the mentoring program greatly increased participants' confidence and skills in grant development. For her role in developing the program, Michelle Houle received the Jenée Peevy Light Award, which recognizes individuals for their support of school social workers.





Community Engagement

North Star in action: Grant Services partnered with Howard Pence Elementary, a South Bay Union community school, to refresh murals originally created through a 2011 SDCOE grant, culminating in an event that drew over fifty people, including the original artist.

Available Funding Opportunities

Grant Services maintains a list of vetted funding opportunities applicable to PreK-12 settings and available to the public. We hit a record high of 100 funding opportunities listed in 25-26. The list is updated weekly.

Sign Up

Stay connected with us regarding upcoming professional learning opportunities by signing up via this form.

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