Computer Science Professional Development Incentive Fund (CSPDIF) Grant and K-3 At-Risk Innovative Grant 2019-2020

COVID-19 FAQs Sheet

Existing Guidance

Claims Process for Grant-Based State and Federal Funding

Department staff are continuing to process claims and reimbursements against state and federal grants including (but not limited to) those related to: ESSA Title programs, Perkins, Regional Planning Partnerships, K-3 At-Risk, and the Computer Science Professional Development Incentive Fund. In preparing claims for submission, some grantees have indicated that it may be difficult for them to provide copies of source documents due to their particular work situation.

While some grants or programs may typically require a copy of source documentation (such as paid invoices) at a minimum, a PDF (or Excel) from the general ledger for the particular project could be provided as documentation for expenditures, at least for the short term. Including a document with a general description of the expenditures would also be helpful to the reviewers. Other options might also be possible depending on access to source documents, such as photos or use of apps that allow a phone's camera to be used to scan a document.

Additional Guidance

Do we need to spend our allocated funds for K-3 and CSPDIF by June 30?

K-3 At-Risk Innovative Grant: Yes.

CSPDIF Grant: The 2019-20 grant window runs through August 15, 2020. Allocated funds must be spent by August 15, 2020. Unspent funds cannot be carried beyond this date. If recipients have unmet goals, they can apply for funds during the next grant cycle.

Do I still need to submit an end-of-year progress or status report?

K-3 At-Risk Innovative Grant: Yes, please submit an end-of-year progress report and claim in IowaGrants.gov by July 31, 2020. These are two separate submissions for each qualifying building.

CSPDIF Grant: Yes, please submit an end-of-year progress report and claim in IowaGrants.gov by September 15, 2020. These are two separate submissions for each recipient.

Can I submit an amendment since my needs and spending will be different?

K-3 At-Risk Innovative Grant: Yes, amendments can be submitted to reflect a change in needs and spending. Amendments must be approved by the Department of Education before funds can be spent.

Amendments must be directly connected to the original application and the intent of the grant. Amendments must be submitted by May 30, 2020. As a reminder, funds must be used to supplement not supplant.

CSPDIF Grant: Yes, amendments can be submitted to reflect a change in needs and spending. Amendments must be approved by the Department of Education before funds can be spent. Amendments must be connected to the original application and the intent of the CSPDIF grant. Amendments must be submitted by May 30, 2020.

Online Resources and Contacts

K-3 At-Risk Innovative Grant

Iowa Department of Education. 2020. [Programs for At-Risk Early Elementary Students](#). Contact Leigh Bellville at leigh.bellville@iowa.gov or 515-250-0420.

CSPDIF Grant

Iowa Department of Education. 2020. [Computer Science Professional Development Incentive Fund](#). Contact Wren Hoffman at wren.hoffman@iowa.gov or 515-981-3306.