



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



TO: Superintendents of Schools

FROM: Keith Norton, Chief Strategic Planning Officer *Keith M. Norton*

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SUBJECT: Request for Proposals (RFP) – 2024-2025 Interdistrict Cooperative Grant Program

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is seeking applicants to establish interdistrict cooperative programs. These programs support urban, suburban, and rural districts working together voluntarily to reduce the racial, ethnic, and economic isolation of students and to create settings where students can assemble, interact and learn. These programs also promote a greater understanding and appreciation of cultural diversity and advancement of student achievement.

The program requires the participation of two or more local or regional school districts; regional educational service center (RESA) solely or pursuant to a cooperative arrangement with one or more local or regional boards of education; or a nonsectarian, nonprofit organization approved by the Commissioner of Education serving two or more local or regional school districts, that together provide a program to a diverse student body.

The 2024-25 RFP for the Interdistrict Cooperative Grant (IDCG) Program can be found on the CSDE website at <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/RFP/Request-for-Proposals>

The proposal must be submitted electronically to the CSDE on or before 4:00 p.m. on January 26, 2024. Please note: There will be no extensions beyond the deadline.

Questions related to the IDCG Program may be directed to Janet Foster at 860-713-6561 or janet.foster@ct.gov.

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