




STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



TO: Superintendents of Schools
FROM: Charlene Russell-Tucker, Chief Operating Officer 
DATE: October 3, 2018
SUBJECT: Request for Proposals (RFP) - 2019-20 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. Programs located in the Hartford region that serve a high percentage of Hartford residents are particularly encouraged.

The program requires the participation of two or more local or regional school districts; regional educational service center (RESC) 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.

Programs may operate during the regular school year, during the summer or a combination of both. Summer residential programs are also an option. This is a competitive program. One application shall be allowed per applicant with award request up to \$100,000.

In accordance with Section 10-74d of the Connecticut General Statutes, programs must focus on six critical areas:

1. **Reducing Racial, Ethnic and Economic Isolation** – through significant, meaningful, well-articulated programs and activities based on sound research.
2. **High Academic Achievement of All Students in Reading, Writing, Mathematics or Science*** - through academically sound enrichment activities that are a significant component of the programs, leading to observable and measurable improvement in academic achievement. Programs that focus on academic tutoring, personal and academic counseling and homework assistance are encouraged. ***NOTE:** Applications that have a strong focus on more than one of these content areas are also acceptable. When writing the application, applicants are encouraged to seek assistance of district-level curriculum professionals.
3. **Objectives and Description** of the proposed program.
4. **Cost of the program.**

5. **Number of school districts and students that will benefit.**
6. **Relative wealth of the participating school districts.**

The 2019-20 RFP for the Interdistrict Cooperative Grant (IDCG) Program can be found on the CSDE Web site at [2018 RFPs](#). **The proposal must be submitted electronically to the CSDE on or before 4:30 p.m. on January 11, 2019. 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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