



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



TO: Superintendents of Schools

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

DATE: December 7, 2020

SUBJECT: Request for Proposals (RFP) - 2021-22 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 education 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.

Program proposals must focus on providing information regarding the following six critical areas:

1. **Reducing Racial, Ethnic and Economic Isolation** – through significant, meaningful, well-articulated programs and activities based on sound research.
2. **Increasing High Academic Achievement of All Students in Reading, Writing, Mathematics or Science** - programs that are aligned with current Connecticut Standards and frameworks in K-12 English Language Arts and Mathematics, with academically sound enrichment activities as a significant component. Programs and activities must be designed to lead to observable and measurable improvement in student learning and academic achievement.
3. **Objectives and Description** of the proposed program.
4. **Cost of the program** (up to \$100,000).
5. **Number of school districts and students that will benefit.**
6. **Relative wealth of the participating school districts.**

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The 2021-22 RFP for the Interdistrict Cooperative Grant (IDCG) Program can be found on the CSDE Web site at [2020 RFPs](#). **The proposal must be submitted electronically to the CSDE on or before 4:00 p.m. on January 29, 2021. Please note: There will be no extensions beyond the deadline.**

Questions related to the IDCG Program may be directed to Jessica Cabanillas at 860-713-6575 or jessica.cabanillas@ct.gov.

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