



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



TO: Superintendents of Schools

FROM: Keith Norton, Chief Strategic Planning Officer
Office of Strategic Planning and Partnerships

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SUBJECT: Request for Proposals (RFP) – 2026-2027 Interdistrict Cooperative Grant Program (IDCG)

Keith M. Norton

Pursuant to Section 10-74d of the Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S.) 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 promote the advancement of student achievement.

The program requires the participation of:

- two or more local or regional school districts;
- a regional educational service center (RESC) solely or pursuant to a cooperative arrangement with one or more local or regional board 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 2026-27 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 February 6, 2026. Please note: There will be no extensions beyond the deadline.

Questions related to the IDCG Program may be directed to Meliha Korkutović at 860-713-6939 or Meliha.Korkutovic@ct.gov.

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