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Are You Leaving Money on the Table?

FY 2023 Grant Opportunities

Knowledge is power and, in this case, knowledge could mean additional funding for your school system. Inside you will find a guide to school system grants as allocated to the State Department of Education and appropriated in the FY 2023 Education Trust Fund (ETF) budget beginning Oct. 1, 2022. This guide will provide information on eligibility, deadlines and amounts to be awarded. We hope you use this guide to help educate, inform and foster dialogue as you develop plans to secure funds for specific needs in your district. Be advised that some grants are competitive and require school systems to apply, while others are predetermined based on school performance or other criteria. The SDE will issue more information once grant applications are released.

The 2023 Fiscal Year is Oct. 1, 2022, through Sept. 30, 2023.

Education Trust Fund Budget - Act No. 2022-393

Agriscience Grants - These grants will provide funding to local education agencies (LEAs) to fund salaries, stipends, benefits and travel of agriscience teachers for State Department of Education (SDE) and Future Farmers of America (FFA)-sanctioned activities, and other approved activities for extended contracts beyond the existing teacher contract period for Agriscience teachers currently on a 220-day or less contract. Expect the grant application to be released in August with more information.

FY 23 Allocation: \$1 million

Arts Education Grant - These grants will provide an opportunity to strengthen the development and implementation of comprehensive arts education programs. Expect the Arts Education grant application to go out in August with more information.

FY 23 Allocation: \$1.7 million

At-Risk (LEA Academic & Financial Improvement Program and High Hopes) -
The purpose of these ETF allocations is to help fund activities or programs designed to enhance outcomes for at-risk students. ETF budget language specifies that 50% of at-risk allocations shall be at the discretion of the State Superintendent of Education and 50% shall be awarded in the form of grants to school systems.

FY 23 Allocation: \$12 million (At-Risk)

Total At-Risk allocation: \$21.9 million

FY 23 Allocation: \$9.9 million (High Hopes)

Be in the look-out for information from the SDE regarding At-risk grant applications and deadline for submittal.

Auxiliary Teacher Grant for Underperforming Schools – Funding is to be provided for auxiliary teachers in K-3 underperforming elementary schools according to the most recent designation pursuant to the Alabama Accountability Act or school grading system as identified by the State Superintendent of Education. The SDE will be providing information to school systems regarding these grants.

FY 23 Allocation: \$5.4 million

Bullying Prevention Project - Grant preference will be given to applicants seeking to develop and implement evidence-based practices to promote a school environment that is free of harassment, intimidation, violence, and threats of violence. The SDE will provide grant information to LEAs to submit application.

FY 23 Allocation: \$3 million

Community Service Grants - These grants are to be used to promote public education purposes. Based on legislative appropriation each session, a set amount is allocated for House and Senate members. Once grants are submitted and approved, they are then delivered to local school boards/schools by state lawmakers. Talk to your local lawmakers about community service grants and school system needs before the next legislative session begins in March 2023.

FY 23 Allocation: \$11.5 million

Computer Science Educator Training – Competitive grants to fund teacher support and professional development on curricula that has been approved by the SDE for a computer science pathway.

FY 23 Allocation: \$300,000

Cyber Security - Funding is available to all systems to improve cybersecurity, including protection of data and infrastructure. Funds will be allocated in equal parts to each LEA through applications submitted to the SDE. Allocations shall be used to fund network administration and/or technology that sustains, complements, upgrades, or augments current security measures. School systems will be receiving grant application information in June.

FY 23 Allocation: \$10.4 million (approximately \$68,000/per system)

Gifted Student Program Grant - These grants will provide for advanced and specialized programs for gifted students. The maximum award is \$30,000.

FY 23 Allocation: \$925,000

Feminine Hygiene Grant - These grants will be awarded to Title I Schools which apply to provide feminine hygiene products in grades 5-12.

FY 23 Allocation: \$200,000

Future Teachers of Alabama (FTA) Grant – This funding is to provide grants of not more than \$500 to each senior high school to establish and support Future Teachers of Alabama programs by funding stipends for teachers to serve as program directors at each school. Information on this grant is expected to be released by July 1, 2022.

FY 23 Allocation: \$250,000

High Needs Special Education Grant Program - The purpose of this grant is to provide additional funding to LEAs when the cost of providing special education services creates a catastrophic impact on the system.

FY 23 Allocation: \$17.4 million

Mental Health Service Coordinator Grant – This funding is to provide grants for LEAs to expand school-based mental health initiatives. The SDE will notify all school systems of the availability of funding along with the grant application specifying the amount to be provided to each system. In awarding the grants, preference will be given to high-poverty underserved districts and those willing to partner with the Alabama Department of Mental Health (ADMH) as part of school-based mental health collaboration.

FY 23 Allocation: \$4.69 million (Approximately \$40,000/per system)

Middle School Computer Programming Initiative - The SDE shall allocate funds through a competitive grant process for LEAs. Each grant may be used for professional development, training and curriculum and shall not exceed \$25,000. Only one grant is available per system.

FY 23 Allocation: \$613,907

Robotics Grants Program - Funding to provide grants of not more than \$3,500 per school to support robotic programs. Up to \$100,000 shall be used to provide grants to **elementary** robotics programs. The SDE will notify school systems by July 1 of the availability of funding for elementary, middle school and high school robotics programs, along with grant applications.

FY 23 Allocation: \$1 million

Underperforming Schools Grant - In consultation with the Department of Early Childhood Education, the SDE is to provide grant funding for the lowest performing public elementary schools identified as underperforming according to the most recent designation pursuant to the Alabama Accountability Act or school grading system. The intent of these grants is to help identify and target specific deficiencies of each individual underperforming public elementary school.

FY 23 Allocation: \$10 million

Unmet Capital, Equipment of Other K-12 Needs Grant - A grant program to be administered by the State Superintendent of Education to address unmet capital, equipment, or other need of K-12 schools. Individual grants may not exceed \$500,000 for any one system.

FY 23 Allocation: \$5 million

**** PLEASE NOTE: This guide is not meant to be all-inclusive list as there may be grants administered by the State Department of Education which are not specifically mentioned in the ETF budget. However, the SDE shall be notifying each local superintendent and CSFO regarding the availability and application process, including any required forms, for any available grant opportunities during FY 2023.***