



Transition Incentive Grants

- Transition Incentive Grants are available to any public school district, 2r, or 2x charter with a secondary population.
- Participation in the Indicator 14/PSO survey is required to be eligible for Transition Incentive Grant funds.
- The amount of funding is based on the number of qualifying Indicator 14/PSO surveys.
- A qualifying survey is one for which responses by the former student or designee indicate that during the year since exiting high school, the youth was in higher education, job training, and/or employed.
- FY17 was the first year of funding for the Transition Incentive Grant program.
- In FY17, the program was funded for a total of \$100,000.00. Payments were to be \$1000.00 per qualifying survey or prorated if the available funding was not sufficient.
- For FY17 (survey conducted in the summer of 2016), there were 1809 qualifying surveys across 194 districts and 2r charters, which resulted in grant payments of \$57.57 per eligible survey.
- For FY18 (survey conducted in the summer of 2017), the program was funded at a level of \$2,700,000.00.
- All districts and 2r charters were provided the opportunity to participate in the survey via e-mail notification. Included in the e-mail was the potential for increased funding for the grant program.
- In FY18, there were 1694 qualifying surveys across 165 districts and charters, which will result in payments of \$1000.00 per qualifying survey.
- For FY19 (survey to be conducted in the summer of 2018), the funding level increased to \$3,600,000.00.
- All districts and 2r charters with secondary populations will again have the opportunity to participate in the survey.
- The funds from this grant program are coded 697 go into fund 27 with no attached expenditures and no restrictions on use of the funds.

Transition Readiness Grants

- A new state grant program aimed at transition service delivery with the goal of competitive employment for students with disabilities.
- The Transition Readiness Grant program was funded beginning in FY19.
- The funding level for FY19 is \$1,500,000.00. We do not yet have information about funding beyond FY19.
- Grants will be awarded in amounts no less than \$25,000.00 and no more than \$100,000.00.
- All public school districts, 2x, and 2r charters with a secondary population will be eligible to apply.
- DPI will develop an application listing criteria for consideration and required documentation by the end of February and applications will be due by the end of April.
- Notification of awards will be sent out by mid-June.
- Funds awarded under this grant program will need to be expended between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019.
- Grant recipients will need to expend the funds and then invoice for reimbursement.
- Priority consideration for funding will include activities known to improve post-school employment outcomes (e.g. – participation in Project SEARCH, obtaining paid community work experience while in high school, attending postsecondary education or other type of job training; professional development and dedicated staff time for transition to employment activities).
- Grant funding under this program can be used for transportation costs in addition to educational service costs.
- Multiple school districts or 2r charters with secondary populations may apply as a consortium. For such an application, one entity would receive funding and put in place agreements for dissemination of funds to the other partner(s) as applicable.