

Turnaround Grant
Frequently Asked Questions

DUE DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED: October 18, 2017, 5:00pm

If your school is participating in Leadership Network, please budget for travel costs accordingly within this application.

Following questions updated October 2, 2017

- If a district is submitting for the same support and plan for multiple schools, can it submit 1 application for the funding of all schools?

Yes, it can submit 1 application. However, please include separate data and expected outcomes that depict each school's unique state. Also, separate budgets for each school and a combined district budget are needed.

- If we have a consortium of schools applying under the grant can we have extra pages for the narrative?

Yes, you may add up to 3 pages extra per school to discuss the specifics of each school.

- Do we submit the Performance Compact with the application?

No, this will be completed after the funding is subawarded.

- Are the 'TARGETS' in the Performance Compact the same as the 'OUTCOMES' in narrative question F?

No, they are different. The Performance Compact is the "Big Picture" goal of how the school will reach the next Star level specific to the NSPF. The outcomes in the narrative are describing the immediate outcomes the specific action steps described in the plan will result in. For example, capacity building, increase in knowledge of..., etc.

Do schools have to choose from a vendor on the state provider list?

No, NDE provides the list as a resource. If a school chooses to work with a vendor not on the State list, they will have to meet the ESSA evidence requirements stated in the RFA.

- Are Title I schools eligible for this funding?

Title I schools that received 1003(a) are not available. Other Title schools are eligible. Please see Appendix A for the complete list.

- Is the Performance Compact due with the application submission or after the award is received?

This will take place with the subaward

- When is the evaluation report due?

The initial evaluation report will be due from the schools 120 days after the subaward is granted. My estimation is March 2018

- When will we received the evaluation report template?

This will be available shortly after the subaward is granted.

- Can tables be single spaced?

Yes, as long as it is still 10 pt font

- Can you explain what Governing Body is in the RFA (Performance Compact)?

The Governing Body referenced in the Performance Compact is the local School Board.

- Do you have an estimate of what the dollar amount should each school apply for?

There is no specific dollar amount per school. The highest scored applications will be funded first with plans the review team has approved.

- Do we have to use an actual vendor or can we use ESSA evidence-based strategies such as a data coach?

No, you do not have to partner with a vendor. The use of funds can include:

- ✓ Contract with external providers for needs assessment, professional development and/or leadership coaching

- ✓ Bring trainers to the school/district for building capacity of staff
 - ✓ Provide stipends for work around curriculum alignment and formative assessment development
 - ✓ Training and initiating a Professional Learning Community culture
 - ✓ Substitute pay for teams to meet to vertically and horizontal alignment of curriculum or learning walks, etc.
- Can our schools apply together and form a consortium to apply for funding and share a approved provider?

Yes a district can create a consortium of eligible schools. The district will need to submit a combined budget and separate school budgets. NDE anticipates the majority of the plan narrative will be the same but the goals and outcomes may look different for each school. A table will organize this information well.

- If our schools work together, do they need to each submit a separate application?

If schools are working on the same improvement plan, you may submit as a district consortium. Please see the above question for specifics.

- Are schools that applied last year eligible to apply this year?

Only schools that are listed in Appendix A are allowed to apply.