



1003(a) Tier III – School Improvement Grant Opportunity FAQ

1. Q. What is an outcome artifact?

A. Schools will be required to produce a tangible “outcome” piece to be shared with IDOE and published on IDOE website as resources for other schools. This “outcome” piece will serve as the culminating piece of the grant, as well as a piece of monitoring. The “Outcome Artifacts” will be due December 1, 2016.

2. Q. What is the purpose of the artifact?

A. “Outcome Artifacts” should be linked to the purpose of your 1003(a) Tier III grant, as well as one of the following areas: Teacher Retention; Family and Community Involvement; Increased Learning Time; and Early Learning Initiatives. Possible outcome artifacts may include: mini-lesson video, recording of powerful practices – ([Sample Recording](#)); WebEx; How-To-One-Pager; blog; podcast; other artifact that demonstrates use of funding for a powerful practice.

3. Q. When must funds be expended/used?

A. The 1003a Tier III grant funds must be expended by September 30, 2016.

4. Q. When can grant activities occur?

A. Grant activities can occur between the approval of the grant and up until funds are expended by September 30, 2016.

5. Q. What are the steps to complete the application?

- A. Steps involved for completing the 1003(a) application:
1. Complete a 1003(a) Tier III application from the IDOE – SIG website: <http://www.doe.in.gov/sig>.
 2. Submit the completed application to 1003a@doe.in.gov.
 3. You will receive an email back from the IDOE staff if your school was approved for the grant or not.
 4. If your school is approved you must then go to the Title I Application Center to complete the electronic version of this grant.
 5. Please make sure to upload the approved paper application in the Title I Application Center as well.

6. Q. Who should I contact with questions?

A. Any questions regarding the 1003(a) Tier III application should be addressed to the School Improvement Grant Specialists: Audrey Carnahan acarnahan@doe.in.gov or Maggie Rowlands mrowlands@doe.in.gov.

7. Q. How do I know if my school is eligible?

A. To find out if your school is eligible for the 1003(a) Tier III grant please select the following link: <http://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/sig/1003a-eligible-schools-list-04-01-2016.pdf>.

8. Q. Why must I select from these four categories?

A. These four categories reframe most of the current Title I activities and programs that exist. Based on research and the newly authorized Every Student Succeeds Act, these four areas reframe current Title I practices into one of those focus area to ensure that funds are used in purposeful ways.

9. Q. Can I submit an amendment for funds?

A. Yes, amendments will be allowed for both programmatic and budget changes.

10. Q. Is professional development allowable?

A. Funding can be used in a variety of ways, including professional development. If funding will be used in this way, explain why this is a key investment of funds and how it will support teacher retention. Explain what activity will be offered and how it will support instruction, and what the expectation will be for implementation, and how implementation will be evaluated.

11. Q. Could an additional staff position be added for SY 2016-2017 with these funds?

A. Any staff hired would have to be work in a program during spring, summer, or early fall. Funds could not be used to support a position for the next school year, beyond September 30, 2016.

12. Q. Can an intervention that is not listed on the menu of interventions be used?

A. Yes, as long as the proposed intervention addresses one of the four focus areas, and it is explained why it will be a key investment of funds that supports that focus area. Be detailed in your explanation of the intervention and how it will be implemented in your school.