

MEMORANDUM

To: School Superintendents

From: Tracy Brown
Chief Financial Officer

Date: November 2, 2018

Re: School Corporation Efficiency Incentive Grants (IC 36-1.5-6)

Background

The Indiana General Assembly appropriated \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2018-2019 for school corporation efficiency incentive grants. These funds are available to a school corporation that formed from a reorganization of two or more school corporations after June 30, 2017. Schools meeting this criteria are eligible for a one time school efficiency grant after satisfying the items listed in the Requirements section.

Requirements

In order to be considered for a grant, schools must meet the following criteria:

- (1) reorganized two or more school corporations into one school corporation;
- (2) reorganization occurred after June 30, 2017;
- (3) a school corporation is formed as a result of a referendum as outlined in IC 36-1.5-4; and
- (4) all legal requirements of a school reorganization by referendum are satisfied as outlined in IC 36-1.5-4.

How Grants Are Calculated

According to IC 36-1.5-6, grants must be calculated using the following formula:

- \$250 multiplied by the sum of the most recent ADMs of the reorganized school corporations

Limitations on Grant Spending

A reorganized school that receives a school efficiency incentive grant may use the grant for one or more of the following purposes:

- (1) payment of expenses associated with the reorganization, including professional service fees, legal costs, and necessary capital expenditures; and
- (2) providing salary bonuses to teachers. A bonus provided is not subject to collective bargaining, but a discussion of the bonus must be held.

Proposal Submission and Review

Applicants must submit a signed copy of the application to IDOE no later than 4:30 p.m. on January 15, 2019.

The application must include the signature of the newly reorganized school corporation superintendent.

Applications can be accessed at: <https://form.jotform.com/82973771439168>

Paper copies of the grant application will not be accepted.

Review Process

All applications will be evaluated by IDOE staff. The application will be denied if all items under the Requirements section are not met. Grant applications must include the following information:

Section	Required Elements	Criteria
I	Applicant Information	The applicant must complete all information requested.
II	Reorganized School Corporations	The applicant must list names of reorganized corporations, effective date of reorganization and upload documents providing evidence of the successful reorganization.
III	Grant Plans	The applicant must provide information regarding how the corporation plans on using the grant money
IV	Applicant's E-Signature	The Superintendent must certify all information provided as part of the application is correct.

Award Administration

Within 10 days of completion of the review process, the superintendent of the reorganized school corporation will be notified of the status of the application.

For questions regarding the school corporation efficiency incentive grant process, please email schoolefficiency@doe.in.gov.