

Funding Opportunity

Special Notification, July 13, 2010

Mentoring and Student Assistance Initiatives

The Florida Department of Education is pleased to announce the release of the 2010-2011 Request for Proposals for competitive projects for Mentoring and Student Assistance Initiatives.

Funding Source: The funding is allocated to the Florida Department of Education by the Specific Appropriation Line Item # 85 of the House Bill 5001

Be sure to verify availability, eligibility, and instructions before preparing proposals.

PROGRAM: Mentoring and Student Assistance Initiatives

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM: The purpose of this funding is to enhance and improve student performance for at-risk, low-performing students and to reduce dropout rates by providing additional learning opportunities. This is accomplished through enhanced instruction, mentoring activities, training, mentor support, and addressing unmet needs at low-performing schools. This funding is intended to provide mentoring/student assistance initiative services to at-risk students in grades K-12.

The specific goals are to:

- Improve overall student achievement in core academic subjects,
- Improve overall student attendance rates,
- Improve overall student retention rates,
- Improve student engagement and social development in and out of school, and
- Increase graduation rates and decrease dropout rates.

DEADLINE: August 13, 2010

Total Funding Amount/Approximate Number of Awards

General Revenue Fund	\$ 4,375,000.00	Federal Grants
Trust Fund	\$ 867,202.00	
Total Available	\$ 5,242,202.00	

The number of awards and the award amount will be based on the number of quality proposals recommended through the peer review process. The program office and/or the Commissioner may recommend an amount greater or less than the amount requested in the submitted proposal.

Funding for successful applicants will be comprised of 80% General Revenue State Funds **AND** 20% Federal Grants Trust Fund. Applicants **cannot** request to receive funds from only one type of funding source. As such, all successful applicants must adhere to reporting requirements for both state and federal funds.

MATCH REQUIREMENT: No match is required; however, programs that can demonstrate matching funds shall be given priority for funding. Please refer to the full Request For Proposal (RFP) for details on the requirements for matching funds and/or in-kind donations.

LINK TO RFP: <http://www.fldoe.org/family/fcogrants/pdf/msa-rfp.pdf>

ELIGIBILITY: Funds **must** be used to provide services specified in the RFP. Any public or private organization is eligible to apply. Examples of agencies and organizations include, but are not limited to: school districts, charter schools (with school district as fiscal agent), educational consortia, non-profit agencies, city or county government agencies, national affiliation agency applying for the entire state, faith-based organizations, Institutions of Higher Education, for profit organizations, Florida Virtual Schools.

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