

So You Want An Innovative Partnership Grant (IPG) Program?



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The recording and presentation will be posted on the School Improvement webpage by December 15, 2022.

IPG – Cohort III

Anticipated Competition Overview

States must allocate school improvement funds reserved to PSUs with one or more schools implementing comprehensive or targeted support and improvement plans on a competitive or formulaic basis (ESEA section 1003).

Pending NC SBE approval, the IPG Cohort III funding will be used as a rigorous intervention model for Tier II level Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) schools.



IPG – Cohort III

Anticipated Competition Overview

One PSU per eligible State Board of Education (SBE) Region, pending submission of an application.



Additional schools may be recommended for the award based on the total application score and ranking without regional consideration.

Up to 10 Innovative Partnership Grants will be awarded.



Anticipated IPG Funding

- NCDPI projects grant awards ranging between \$250,000 to \$500,000 based on the average daily membership (ADM) of the school.
- Upon State Board of Education approval, potential grantees would be awarded funds beginning on July 1, 2023.
- Funding will be available for 3 years, with the cycle concluding on September 30, 2026. All unspent funds remaining at the end of the funding period will revert to the state.

Hallmarks of the Innovative Partnership Grant Program

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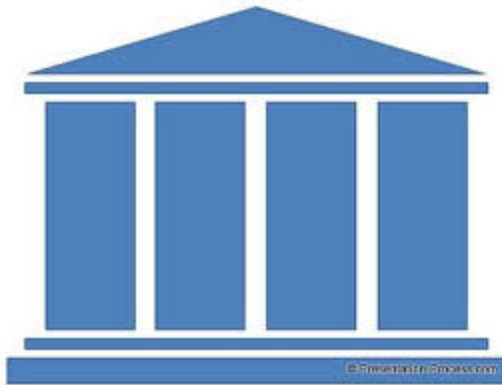
- **35 Existing IPG programs across two cohorts:**
 - Cohort I - 22 schools (Fall 2019)
 - Cohort II - 13 schools (Fall 2020)
- **Key Successes across IPG schools include:**
 - Increased staff attendance
 - Increased staff retention
 - Significant decreases in ODR data
 - Several IPG schools exceeded growth



15 current IPG schools exited CSI status!

Pillars of the Innovative Partnership Grant Program

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1. 12-month IPG School Coach to assist the school leadership with the implementation of the evidence-based school improvement strategies.
2. External collaborative partner to fully and effectively implement evidence-based school improvement strategies
3. Targeted Supports from NCDPI

NCDPI Supports

- Two annual site visits per year
- Two state-wide convenings per year
- Substantial review of school improvement plans
- Annual Targeted School Quality Review (TSQR)
- Data Tracking and Sustainability mapping





Data Tracking and Reporting

- Development of annual goals for student achievement
- Development of annual goals non-cognitive areas
- Data tracking in 20-day increments
- Braiding of fund sources to ensure alignment between resources and school improvement strategies

PSU/School Commitments

PSU/School Key Commitments

- Principal commitment to CSI school through the duration of the “full implementation” phase (school years one and two)
- Collecting and reporting data frequently
- Implementing the IPG program as detailed in the awarded application
- Attending all on-site visits and convenings
- Awarded schools must use NCStar for school improvement planning



Next Steps

State Board of Education Approval

- The proposed IPG Cohort III grant competition will be presented to the NC State Board of Education at the February SBE Meeting
- Upon approval, the Request for Proposals and the grant application guidance will be made available on the NCDPI School Improvement webpage



Important Dates

Application Opens:

February 8, 2023, at
8:00 a.m.

Submission Deadline:

April 12, 2023, at
12:00 p.m. NOON

**IPG – Cohort III
Technical
Assistance
Webinar #1**

February 8, 2023, at
2:00 p.m.

Click [here](#) to
register.

The First Step




Complete the [Intent to Apply](#)

Deadline: Tuesday, January 31, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

NOTE: Submission of this Intent to Apply form does not obligate the PSU to apply. The notice confirms the PSU is interested in applying for the potential 2023 Innovative Partnership Grant Program.

Questions



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thank
you

Feel free to contact us should you have any additional questions!