



STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education



Office of Innovation

The New Jersey Department of Education, Office of Innovation announces three (3) upcoming discretionary grant opportunities, open to Title I funded districts with poverty rates of 35% or higher operating Title I Targeted Assistance and/or Schoolwide programs.

On Friday, September 28, 2018, the Title I Committee of Practitioners (TICOP) comprised of stakeholders including teachers (public and nonpublic), administrators, charter school representatives, local school board members, and parents) voted unanimously to approve the redirection of \$11 million in FY 2018 Title I Part A, carryover funds for three discretionary grant projects (*Social and Emotional Learning*, *Early Learning Transitional Programs*, and *STEM Curriculum*)- **all of which are aligned to Governor Murphy's Priorities and Commissioner Repollet's Initiatives.**

Discretionary Grants

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) ESEA § 4107(a)(3)(J)

This grant funding will provide districts and schools with opportunities to incorporate SEL initiatives into programs and services to support low-income students as well as to enhance school improvement efforts. Additionally, these funds must be used for the purposes of providing “**evidence-based**” interventions that will improve targeted outcomes across various priority topics in education, including but not limited to *school leadership, arts integration, summer learning, and after-school programs.*

Early Learning Transitional Programs ESEA §1112(b)(1)(K)

This grant funding will allow an LEA/school to use its Title I funds for an early learning transitional program to improve the cognitive, health, social-emotional outcomes for eligible children. It is anticipated that these funds will be used by schools in an innovative manner to bridge transitions from early learning experiences to support success in future educational endeavors for all eligible children.

STEM Curriculum ESEA § 4107

This grant funding is to increase students' equitable access to STEM courses and experiences, including out-of-school programs, STEM-themed schools, and career pathways. Additionally, this grant funding is to ensure that all students have access to science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) in an effort to provide equitable educational opportunities so that all students can achieve post-secondary success.

Timeline

- The anticipated launch of the Notice of Grant Opportunity (NGO) is set for **November 12, 2018**. Applications are due on the following dates (Note- each of the grants listed above are three separate NGOs, with three different submission dates):
 - Early Learning Transitional Program* - **December 18, 2018**;
 - Social and Emotional Learning* - **December 19, 2018**; and
 - STEM Curriculum* - **December 20, 2018**

The grant cycle is **March 1, 2019- September 30, 2019.**

Note, all funds **MUST** be obligated by **September 30, 2019.**

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