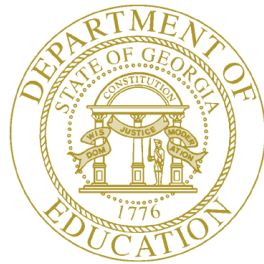


Connections for Classrooms

Georgia 2014-2015 Technology Grants & Related Funding



Grant Application Planning

Introduction

Thank you for your efforts to plan your grant submission and the many technology considerations that it entails!

The purpose of this presentation and the discussion on grant submission materials is to help you begin planning as soon as possible and provide ample time for you to consider a thoughtful grant request.

Discussion Topics

- Grant Overview
- Award Considerations
- Grant Materials Overview
- Application Submission Package
- Application Planning Contacts
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Grant Overview

- Goal:** To empower students, teachers and schools in the pursuit of an exceptional, leading-edge digital learning environment in Georgia
- Intent:** Facilitate high-speed broadband service into Georgia classrooms through the integration of **Tier 1**, **Tier 2** and **Tier 3** technology systems
- Funding:** \$25mm / Governor's Office of Student Achievement
\$14mm / Georgia Department of Education

Key Dates:

April 24th Grant Intro/Feedback

August 29th Grant Application Close

June 16th Grant Application Launch

October 17th Grant Awards Announced

Partnering Agencies:

- Georgia Department of Education
- Board of Regents
- Georgia Technology Authority
- Governor's Office of Student Achievement
- Georgia Department of Community Affairs
- Governor's Office of Planning and Budget

Award Considerations

Impact

- Impacts student achievement, solves a learning issue, and increases the capabilities of digital or blended learning
- Enables instruction that is not possible under current infrastructure

Strategy

- Aligned with district and state learning strategy
- Aligned with district technology plans
- Facilitates end-to-end high-capacity broadband connectivity

Feasibility

- Supported by a well-considered project plan with clear timelines and milestones
- Demonstrates project and procurement readiness

Sustainability

- Captures multi-year maintenance cost and financial coverage
- Demonstrates professional development plan to ensure effective implementation

Commitment

- Demonstrates E-Rate participation where eligible
- Includes matching funds and/or evidence of significant past or expected local funds spent on network infrastructure or server

Application Planning Contact

Steve Korwan is one of GOSA's newest team members, commissioned to be your primary liaison during this process. He has a 30-year background in leading both critical government and private projects, that included helping public sector partners build successful and impactful programs.

Steve will be the primary contact through the application and grant management process.

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Grant Materials Overview

① Application Helpers

- Grant Application Planning Presentation (this document)
- Sample Scoring Rubric
- Application Instructions
- Program Guidelines
- FAQs

② Application Form

- Several narrative questions to showcase the proposal, its estimated impact, and its alignment with district and state goals
- Multiple-choice and short response questions required to determine fulfillment of Grant Considerations

Grant Materials Overview, cont.

③ LEA Inventory/Gap Planning Spreadsheet

- Itemizes current LEA infrastructure and projects needs
- Intended to serve as both a planning tool and basis for budget request
- Itemizes equipment and service requests
- Summarized in a soon-to-be scheduled webinar

④ Supplemental Application Materials

- LEA's Technology Plan
- LEA's Strategic/Business Plan
- Professional Development Plan
- Applicable vendor quotes, RFI responses, and/or other cost validation for pricing
- Project Implementation Plan

Application Submission Package

Application Submission Package Materials

1. Grant Application Form (online)
2. LEA's Inventory/Gap Planning Spreadsheet
3. LEA's Technology Plan
4. LEA's Strategic/Business Plan
5. Project Implementation Plan
6. Applicable vendor quotes, RFI responses, and/or other cost validation for pricing

1. Grant Application Form (online)

A form, intended to be web-based, which provides an overview of the grant request

Key Data Points:

- Total of grant funds requested
 - Requested funds can include expenses spent beginning July 1, 2014. However, the LEA will be responsible for any purchases made prior to the grant announcement that are not part of the final grant award.
- Executive summary of the grant request (500 word limit)
- Indication of 2013 and 2014 E-Rate participation (requested, committed and spent funds)
- Indication of available LEA matching funds and/or LEA investment in network and server infrastructure between June 2013 and August 2015
- Summary of digital/blended learning strategy and expected project impact (750 word limit)
- Estimated number of students, teachers, classrooms and/or schools impacted

1. Grant Application Form (online)-continued

A form, intended to be web-based, which provides an overview of the grant request

Key Data Points (continued):

- Description of professional development plan to ensure that staff members are able to integrate new technology into their work (250 word limit)
- Description of alignment between the application and the LEA's Technology Plan and Strategic/Business Plan (250 word limit)
- Description of alignment between the application and state's technology plans related to digital learning (250 word limit)
- Description of strategy or approach for implementing Tier 4 (Device Availability) as outlined in LEA Technology Plan, including cost estimates for full implementation.

2. LEA Inventory/Gap Planning Spreadsheet

- The spreadsheet requests information on the following:
 - Inventory of current LEA and school-level Tier, 1, 2, and 3 infrastructure
 - Requested LEA and school-level equipment and services in the grant
 - LEA and school-level cost estimates
- The spreadsheet is intended to serve as a gap planning guide for the LEA to project infrastructure needs as well as provide GOSA and GaDOE with detailed information on the grant request.
- Full details and instructions will be summarized in a soon-to-be-scheduled webinar focused specifically on this spreadsheet.

3. LEA's Technology Plan

Plan can be as submitted to the GaDOE. Or, it can include any proposed changes the LEA seeks as a result of this application process.

4. LEA's Strategic/Business Plan

The application form will ask for a brief description of how the application aligns with the LEA's Strategic/Business Plan.

5. Professional Development Plan

The plan should describe how the LEA will ensure staff members are able to successfully use and integrate these systems into their work.

*Note: If the professional development plan is included in the Technology Plan or a School Improvement Plan, the applicant must provide specific section and page numbers for the reviewer.

6. Project Implementation Plan

The Project Implementation Plan outlines key milestones and identifies key partners and resources planned for the implementation of the equipment and related technology systems included in the grant request.

Key Data Points:

- Project activity timeline inclusive of major milestones
- District resources identified to provide oversight of the equipment and related technology systems installation
- Resources (internal and/or contracted) identified to install equipment and related technology systems
- Plan for sustainability and maintenance of requested equipment

7. Vendor Quotes

Quotes or other cost estimation documents for equipment and related services from approved or intended vendors for technology related to the grant request.

Key Data Points:

- Vendor name
- Itemized equipment listing
- Cost and applicable discount listing
- Quote expiration

If quotes are not available, please include a description of the RFI/RFP process and evidence of validation for the costs outlined in the application.

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Appendix

Technology Tiers

Education Technology Ecosystem

