TEACH 2.0 Teacher Training Grant Preview

January 12, 2016 PAC Meeting

Fiscal Year '16 Grant Focus

Future Ready Leadership Team and Capacity Building of Leaders, LMS/Tech Integrators to help prepare for annual programming

- ★ Support to build capacity
- ★ Train the trainer options
- ★ Future Ready teams
- ★ [Rural Focus target areas](#) from WSAA (p.13)

TEACH 2.0
Teacher Training Grant

DET Website

- currently being updated *(CESA #4 is staying current with revisions process)*
- second thread of TEACH 2.0 grant - infrastructure and status still to be determined
- annual appropriation *(FY16 is just late)*

Eligibility Language (actual)

From Wisconsin Statute 16.996:

TEACH Educational Technology Teacher Training Grants 2015-2016:
(1) PURPOSE. The department shall annually award grants to eligible consortia of school districts for the costs of training teachers to use educational technology.
(2) ELIGIBLE CONSORTIA. A consortium of school districts is eligible for a grant under this section if all of the following apply: a) The consortium consists of 3 or more school districts. b) Each school district's membership in the previous school year divided by that school district's area in square miles is 13 or less. c) The consortium applies for a grant under this section.
(3) GRANT AMOUNT. In any year the department awards grants under this section, subject to sub. (4), the department shall pay to each eligible consortium the sum of the following amounts: a) For each school district in the consortium that had a membership of less than 750 pupils in the previous year, $7,500. b) For each school district in the consortium that had a membership of 750 pupils to 1,500 pupils in the previous year, $10 multiplied by the school district's membership in the previous year. c) For each school district in the consortium that had a membership of more than 1,500 pupils in the previous year, $15,000.
(4) FUNDING. a) The department may not award grants under this section that total more than $1,500,000 in any fiscal year. b) If, in any fiscal year, $1,500,000 is insufficient to pay the full amount under sub. (3), the department shall prorate the payments among the eligible consortia.

**Per statute, the district eligibility calculation formula is: district student count divided by district square miles.

Eligibility Language (broken down)

★ **PURPOSE**
  - Cover costs of training in effective use of technology.

★ **ELIGIBLE CONSORTIA**
  - Must be at least three (3) school districts
  - Sparsity funding in previous school year (13 or < students/square mile)
  - Consortium application only
  - Districts not completing Future Ready assessments disqualify the entire consortium

★ **GRANT AMOUNT** (based on school membership 2014-15 school year)
  - <750 students = $7,500
  - 750-1,500 students = $10 x # of students
  - >1,500 students = $15,000

★ **FUNDING**
  - There are more eligible districts than funding available

CESA #4 Consortium

- <mark>ONE BUDGET</mark> per consortia
- 5% per district application to automatically put in budget item for fiscal agent fee (total awarded to consortium)
- Fiscal agent can be a district or CESA, but grant directions specifically state fiscal agent **_cannot_** be a vendor or LLC according to state statute
- **Fiscal agent responsibilities:**
  - <mark>Note:</mark> CESAs may serve as fiscal agent for multiple consortia
  - Ensure all information is collected for the grant application for each district *(contact info, budget, submission of Future Ready documents and compile joint statement for text application)*
  - Digital signature for certification of consortium grant
  - Review budget to ensure all eligible expenses comply with the approved expenses
  - Responsible to coordinate collection of all budget submission documents
  - Responsible to coordinate collection of any information in case of an audit
  - Streamlined application/collection of materials/monitoring---online and clear timelines of notification/process
  - Notification of grant acceptance/rejection-coordinate communication

Application Process

- Simple, fillable forms with information gathered by fiscal agent
- Minimum of three (3) schools in consortium/no maximum
- Electronic application
- Fiscal contact info
- Total consortium budget $ amount for application
- District info: Future Ready Schools assessment uploads and individual budget
- Focus areas as aligned to purpose of grant and alignment to district activities
- Fiscal agent certification statement

Future Ready Gears & District Digital Learning Plans

- **REQUIRED:** **Future Ready District Survey and individual gears (all but time and community)**
  - Professional learning
  - Hardware
  - Data and privacy
  - Budget adn resources
  - Curriculum, instruction and assessment
- New entry as we have added privacy sign off statement
- Directions include that is one component of *new digital learning plan* that will also be applicable to other programs and requirements
- District checklist
- Focus on FY16 grant is *building capacity and district leadership team* so budget expenses can include costs to complete the Future Ready materials

FY16 Approved Expenses

Eligible expenses:

- registration
- online/blended/face-to-face professional learning registration fees focused on ***enhancing digital learning capacity*** in FY16
- district substitute teacher costs
- mileage
- facilitator expenses/compensation including in-district staff members outside of their contracted time
- CESA provided professional learning opportunities ***related to digital learning***
- CETL exam fee (not WETL membership)
- Future Ready district team training events/team time (to complete district dashboard/CESA planning events
- training and leadership for district IT/admin/LMS/district staff focused on ***building capacity*** for FY16

Expenses Not Approved

Expenses **NOT** eligible (*district match opportunity)* include:

- educator stipends/compensation related to PD attendance
- instructional materials
- technology hardware/technology software
- dues or membership fees
- credentialing, credits or licensure requirement costs
- entertainment or performance costs
- meal costs or food(state rate)
- promotional materials or prizes
- individual district professional learning opportunities (capacity building focused)
- hotel or lodging expenses
- creating pay events to make profits
- out-of-state registrations and travel costs

Who's Eligible for What?

Alma	$7,500	DeSoto	$7,500	Sparta	$15,000
ACHM	$7,500	G-E-T $14,400		Tomah	$15,000
Arcadia	$11,900	Hillsboro	$7,500	Viroqua	$11,490
Bangor	$7,500	Independence	$7,500	Westby	$12,000
BRF	$15,000	LaFarge	$7,500	Whitehall	$7,630
Blair-Taylor $7,500		Melrose-Mindoro	$8,120	Wonewoc-UC	$7,500
Cashton	$7,500	NOW	$7,500		
C-FC	$7,500	Royall	$7,500		

Budget Logistics

- Each consortium member has to submit an individual budget for purpose of reimbursements (fiscal agent does total for consortium)
- Reimbursement process to be determined yet
- Budget form to include:
  - automatic item 5% to fiscal agent
  - list of expenses
  - statement on connection of item to goal of project/capacity building/teacher training focus area
- Budget items must be aligned to a FutureReady goal/focus area
- Total eligible amount vs. total requested amount
- For FY16 we will accept retro expenses back to July 1, 2015 of up to 60% (time frame) of eligible expenses due to late release of grant
- **Note:** FY17 will be due in October 2017 (not guaranteed)
- All vendors must be identified and can trigger audits
- Fillable budget form for everyone

Grant Application Review Process & Rubric

- Application information is correct for eligible schools, budget requests and fiscal agent sign off on all information provided
- Alignment of budget request items with focus of grant priority areas and and eligible expenses
- Text application focus areas of consortium and alignment to budget application
- Competitive process ideas as there is almost double the amount of eligible expenses for schools vs. grant dollars?
  - alignment to Future Ready reports, multiple year plan/building capacity,
  - document metrics of growth of capacity and eventually impact on classroom
  - consortium benefits
  - in-kind or match options

Issue: More Districts than Grants

[Language in statute](#)

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Communications & Timelines *(as of today)*

Grant Roll out: week of January 11th target (DET website info)

Communication Plan

- ❖ Primary communication
  - ➢ DET/DPI
  - ➢ Rural Schools Organizations
  - ➢ Professional Organizations: CESAs, PACs
- ❖ Secondary communication
  - ➢ Social Media: G+, Twitter
  - ➢ Professional organizations: WETL & WEMTA

Application Deadline: February 15th

Notification to Districts: February 20th

- ● Who/how to be determined

Expense Reimbursement Process

- ● DET contact for reimbursement to be identified

What Do We Do Now?

1. Identify district Digital Leadership Team (IT, Tech Coaches/Teacher Leaders, Library Media, Administration)

2. Complete [Future Ready Assessments](#) *(designate a day or two to complete)*
   a. create accounts
   b. District Survey *(takes the longest to complete by leadership team)*
   c. Other FRS Assessments
      i. Professional learning
      ii. Hardware
      iii. Budget and resources
      iv. Data and privacy
      v. Curriculum, instruction and assessment

3. Analyze results, *identify focus areas* for grant application requests

4. Bring **all** FRS reports (PDF format) to TEACH 2.0 Grant Consortium application workshop at CESA #4 - tentatively scheduled for *following PAC meeting on February 9th*.

More information is right around the corner...