

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)
Summer Bridge Program for Rural Districts
Opportunity Grant (CR&TD)
2022-2023**

Request for Application: December 6, 2022

Application Deadline: January 12, 2023

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Program Description

The College Readiness and Talent Development unit is providing schools with the opportunity to apply for a Summer Bridge Program Grant for Rural Districts. The grant focuses on summer programs that accelerate student learning for the summer of 2023 in grades K-8. Each applicant could be awarded up to \$15,000 per school to provide accelerated learning activities for these students.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants must be rural public schools. Eligible rural districts are those that are served by the Office of Rural Education and Innovation (REI). The green highlighted districts are REI eligible (115) on the map at this location:

<https://www.gadoe.org/rural/Pages/default.aspx>.

Program Requirements

Awarded funds are specifically for summer bridge programs to accelerate and integrate learning for students in grades K-8 in public schools in rural districts.

Programmatic Assurances

Multiple schools in a rural district may apply for the Summer Bridge Program Grant. Local schools/districts may apply for a grant to fund their summer program, which could be used to cover costs, or to partially cover costs, such as:

- teacher stipends for the summer program
- materials/resources to support accelerated and integrated learning in rural districts grades K-8
- development of activities and instruction that support accelerated and integrated learning



Reporting Requirements:

Rural districts applying must complete the budget sheet and sign the assurances. Awardees must have correctly and completely submitted the required close-out documentation.

- Completion Report (Microsoft Forms)
- Detailed Expenditure Report and supporting documents for received goods/services

Authorized Activities

Applicants are encouraged to develop and implement a summer bridge program that focuses on accelerated and integrated learning for students.

FY23 CR&TD Summer Bridge Grant applicants can use funds to for these authorized activities:

- Teacher/paraprofessional stipends for the summer program
- Materials/resources to support accelerated and integrated learning in rural districts grades K-8
- Development of activities and instruction that support accelerated and integrated learning

Unauthorized Activities

FY23 Grant funds may not be used:

- to support out-of-state travel, graduate-level courses, or professional memberships
- for new/improvement construction or capital improvements
- to supplant existing programming. In other words, the funds may not be used to pay for existing levels of activities or services if the costs would have been otherwise paid with state/local funds
- for the purchase of technology infrastructure (computers, charging carts, printers, technology equipment)
- to purchase incentives such as food, toy prizes, treats, etc.
- to pay for transportation to and from the Summer Bridge Program
- for administrative/Audit/Indirect Costs

Proposal Submission

Procedures

- *Proposal Portal:* To access the application click: [Summer Bridge Program for Rural Districts Application](#)
- *Submit Early:* Proposals cannot be accepted after the deadline. Faxed, emailed, or paper proposals are not acceptable and will not be reviewed by GaDOE.



- *Use provided proposal template:* Supplemental or revised proposal formats, attachments, or information, either from the applicant agency or other sources will not be accepted.
- *Multiple Submissions:* Due to the high volume of submissions and to ensure that each submission is correctly identified and acceptable, file naming conventions are critical.
- *One Summer Bridge Program for Rural Districts submission is permitted per school.*
- Grant awardees will be notified after State Board of Education (SBOE) approval and are required to accept the grant award.
- Each applicant receiving funding through this RFP must participate in meetings to discuss the goals and objectives, implementation procedures and progress.
- The FY23 Summer Bridge Program for Rural Districts grant period of performance will end August 31, 2023.

Budget

There should be a calculation of the budget (via spreadsheet, etc.) and a narrative of the budget (via prose). Each of these offer a lens for understanding how funds meet the identified need and activities. The budget table is included in the grant application and both the narrative response section and budget calculations must be submitted as a single PDF document. The budget portion of the proposal will not be assigned points; however, an inaccurate, unreasonable, unjustified, or non-itemized budget will result in the proposal being excluded from consideration. The proposed budget narrative will be assigned points and must provide clear evidence that the expenditures are appropriate and justified to support the proposed programming/activities.

Scoring and Funding Recommendations

Scoring

During the review process, each proposal will be reviewed and scored by a GaDOE approved and trained reviewer. The reviewer will individually assign and record points (1-100) using the scoring rubric. In the event that the number of proposals receiving a qualifying score exceeds the number of available grants, only the highest, rank-ordered proposals will be recommended for funding.

Rubric Scoring Components

All proposals will be scored using a rubric. Each proposal will be reviewed, and points will be assigned based on the merit of the program/activity described. Each section is assigned a maximum allowable number of points. Reviewers will tally all earned points to render a raw score. Grant organizers will verify raw scores and determine the final score to be presented to the SBOE.

Applicant Information Section



- LEA/School District
- Full Name of School, Address, and Phone
- Superintendent's Name
- Principal's Name
- Name of Federal Programs District Contact
 - Email Address
 - Phone Number
- Name of District Gifted Coordinator/Director/Educator responsible for the grant
 - Email Address
 - Phone Number
- Number of teachers potentially involved with grant implementation.
- Potential Number of students impacted

Proposed Program/Activity Description: Programmatic Basics (34)

- Grant narrative explaining the intended summer bridge program's purpose.
- Include instructional strategies with assignments/tasks/assessments and intent to stakeholders and community.

Goals/Objectives/Intended Outcomes (33)

- What are the goals and intended outcomes?

Budget Narrative (33)

- Budget narrative aligns to Summer Bridge program best practices
- Budget narrative provides overview and justification for purchases.

