

Reimbursement Grants: High Cost Grant (Federal) and Residential and Reintegration Grant (State)

Department of Special Education Services and Supports

Georgia's Systems of Continuous Improvement



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GaDOE has adopted the Georgia Systems of Continuous Improvement as a methodology for supporting districts and schools. Today's presentation focused on "Identifying Needs".



Submission of The Application



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Submission & Supports for Your Applications



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- Submission Electronically
 - Dates to be determined for 2019 submission –
(January 1 – March 1)
- DSESS>Budget page>Federal Grant for High Cost Fund
 - Application
 - Sample Application
 - Q & A

Federal Regulation & the High Needs Child



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- **IDEA 2004** gives States an option to set aside funding for the creation of a "Risk Pool" designated to assist LEAs in meeting the high cost of providing special education services to children with disabilities who meet certain criteria.
- "High Needs Child" – a student with disabilities whose special education and related services exceed the typical needs of a child with a disability
(at least three times the state average per pupil expenditure – approx. \$27,000)

The Application Process and Preparation of Documentation



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- The Leader's State of Mind
 - Reimbursement process-- for specific expenses within your budget (may reimburse IDEA funds and/or General Fund)
 - Student Identification
 - Determine which students receive services that cost considerably more than others
 - Only services listed on the IEP
 - IEPs need to be detailed and specific about how, what, and where services will be provided
 - IEPs must cover the entire year of reimbursement which is July 1- June 30th of the current FY
 - Substantiating the expenses on the application
 - **Provide actual invoices**
 - Carefully consider all the costs you have for the high cost student



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Allowable Expenditures

- Allowable expenditures include, but are not limited to; one to one assistance, extended school year services, specially trained related service providers, public or private day programs, specialized equipment or materials/supplies specific to the child and contracted services.
- Transportation costs are limited to personnel, equipment or services required for the specific high need costs as identified in the child's IEP. Any transportation costs not specific to the high need student or prorated for this student will be unallowable.

Examples of Eligible Expenditures

All costs must be specific to the high cost student and documented on the student's IEP.

Special Education Services Expenditures

- Teacher
- Paraprofessional
- Speech
- ESY Teacher Costs
- ESY Paraprofessional Costs

Related Services Expenditures

- Counselor – Direct Services
- Psychologist – Direct Services
- OT and PT
- Social Worker
- Nursing
- Bus Driver
- Bus Monitor
- AT Device – specific to student



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Unallowable Expenditures

- Costs ineligible for reimbursement include the following: legal fees, court costs or other costs associated with a cause of action brought on behalf of a child with a disability to ensure a free appropriate public education, non-extraordinary nursing costs, English as a Second Language Instruction, indirect costs and administrative or leadership costs associated with the provision of the services to the child.
- Disbursements from this fund shall not be used to pay costs that otherwise would be reimbursed as medical assistance for a child with a disability under the State Medicaid program under Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

District A Application



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COST WORKSHEET

PROVIDE THE SPECIFIC and/or PROPRATED COST BREAKDOWN TO MEET THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF THIS HIGH COST CHILD. (Total cost of over \$27,000 should be used as the minimum to be considered in the application). **All services calculated for cost must be included in the student's IEP.**

ALL ITEMS MUST INCLUDE SPECIFIC, VERIFIABLE CHARGES

SPECIAL ED SERVICES: (Ex- Teacher Costs, Materials/ Supplies specific to the child)		
Category of Expenditure	Description of Service Provided	Amount
SPED Service (Staff)	One-on-one para to assist throughout the day in classes and in transitions	30138.00
SPED Service (Staff)	Contracted Speech services (\$55/hour) 1 hour weekly of services (37 weeks X 1 hour @ \$55)	2035.00
Total		\$ 32,173.00

SPECIAL RELATED SERVICES: (Ex- Transportation, OT, PT, Nursing Services)		
Category of Expenditure	Description of Service Provided	Amount
Related Service	OT Services OT - 1 hour monthly \$74,966.40 annually / 84 students	\$ 892.00
Total		\$ 892.00

OTHER COSTS: (Ex-Consultations, Training Costs, Independent Evaluations)	
Total	\$ 0.00

THIRD PARTY FUNDS: (Ex- Health Ins., Medicaid)		
Category of Expenditure	Description of Service Provided	Amount
Total		\$ 0.00

COST WORKSHEET SUMMARY

The amounts in this table are calculated automatically based on the amounts entered in the tables above.

1. Special Education Services	\$ 32,173.00
2. Related Services	\$ 892.00
3. Other Costs	\$ 0.00
4. TOTAL COST of Child	\$ 33,065.00
5. Minus 3x annual cost	\$ -27,000
6. Minus Third Party Funds	\$ -0.00
TOTAL Allowable GHCF (Line 4 minus line 5 and 6)	\$ 6,065.00
For which funding source(s) will this grant reimburse, State/local and/or IDEA?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State/Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IDEA

Actual Costs to District reduced further by a multiplier

What was missed?

- Teacher Costs
- AT Device
- Transportation

District B Application



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ALL ITEMS MUST INCLUDE SPECIFIC, VERIFIABLE CHARGES

SPECIAL ED SERVICES: (Ex- Teacher Costs, Materials/ Supplies specific to the child)		
Category of Expenditure	Description of Service Provided	Amount
Special Ed Services	Special education teacher for small group instruction \$65,784.60 (full-time teacher salary & benefits) 11 students	5988.42
Special Ed Services	Special education parapro for small group instruction \$34,445.16 (2 full-time paraprofessionals & benefits) 11 students	3131.07
Special Ed Services	Speech Therapy in small group instruction \$91,921.80 (full-time salary & benefits) for 30 min./2x weekly 2 students; Dual services within the special education classroom 30 minutes/2 times weekly	1723.53
Special Ed Services	ESY Special Ed Teacher for small group instruction @ \$32.50 for 3 hours/15 days/5 student	292.50
Special Ed Services	ESY Special Ed parapro for small group instruction @ \$15 for 3 hours/15 days/5 students	135.00
Total		\$ 11,270.52

SPECIAL RELATED SERVICES: (Ex- Transportation, OT, PT, Nursing Services)		
Category of Expenditure	Description of Service Provided	Amount
Nursing Services	1:1 GCPS Direct Care Nursing Services-Monitoring of G tube feeding and respiratory needs for 40 hours/weekly	\$ 72433.68
OT Services	1:1 Occupational Therapy \$90,871.08 (full-time salary & benefits) for 1 hour/month	\$ 572.57
PT Services	1:1 Physical Therapy \$104,375.16 (full-time salary & benefits) for 3 hrs/yearly	\$ 1854.03
Transportation Services	Transportation on Special Education bus daily to and from student's home for 180 days. x \$3.50 x 19.74	\$ 5521.20
Transportation Services	ESY Transportation on Special Ed bus daily to and from student's home for 15 days x \$3.50 X 19.74	\$ 1036.35
Nursing Services	1:1 GCPS Direct Care Nursing Services-Monitoring of G tube feeding and respiratory needs for 25 hours/weekly	\$ 2437.50
Total		\$ 83,855.33

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1. Special Education Services	\$ 11,270.52
2. Related Services	\$ 83,855.33
3. Other Costs	\$ 0.00
4. TOTAL COST of Child	\$ 95,125.85
5. Minus 3x annual cost	\$ -27,000
6. Minus Third Party Funds	\$ -0.00
TOTAL Allowable GHCF (Line 4 minus line 5 and 6)	\$ 68,125.85
For which funding source(s) will this grant reimburse, State/local and/or IDEA?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State/Local <input type="checkbox"/> IDEA

Comparison of Applications



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Money Left on the Table

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Maximized Cost Reimbursement

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Sample Application
 Included on website

GRANT FOR HIGH COST FUND
 Georgia Department of Education
 Division for Special Education Services and Supports

Return the Grant Application and Supporting Documentation to:
 Georgia Department of Education
 Division for Special Education Services
 1870 Twin Towers East
 Atlanta, GA 30334

SYSTEM: Valley School System		School Year: 2013-14	
System Contact: Sally Smart		Phone #: XXXX XXXX-XXXX	
		Email address: ssmart@valley.k12.ga.us	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial Grant		Ward of the State Y() N(X)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Continuation Grant			
Student's Name: Harry Doe		Date of Birth: 8/1/2000	
Student's Primary Disability: Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) spell out disability area		Secondary Disability: Speech and Language (SL)	
Father's/Guardian's/Surrogate's Full Name: John Doe		Mother's/Guardian's/Surrogate's Full Name: Mary Doe	
Home Address:		Home Address:	
123 Main Street	Anywhere, GA	Same	
(Street)	(City)	(Street)	(City)
30000	706-333-5555	Same	
(Zip)	(Phone)	(Zip)	(Phone)
<p>PROVIDE THE SPECIFIC and/or PROPRATED COST BREAKDOWN TO MEET THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF THIS HIGH COST CHILD. Complete the Cost Worksheet Summary included in the grant application to calculate the amounts for the line item cost totals listed below. (Total cost of over \$27,000 should be used as the minimum to be considered in the application.)</p>			
1	Special Education Services	\$	98,020
2	Related Services	\$	14,543
3	Other costs	\$	6,600
4	TOTAL COST of Child	\$	119,163
5	Minus 3X annual cost	-	\$ 27,000
6	Minus third-party funds (ex. Health insurance, Medicaid) – if none indicate NA	-	\$ 2,500
	TOTAL Allowable GHCF (Line 4 minus line 5 and 6)	\$	89,663

All invoices for any contractual or other services must be included with the grant application.

FAQs for High Cost Grant



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- Each LEA may request reimbursement for two of every 1,000 students with disabilities. The maximum allowed is on the website.
- The Special Education Director must sign off on all applications **BY THE DEADLINE.**
- The email contains the maximum reimbursement, but is often reduced due to availability of funds.
- These expenditures may not be carried over.
- Use the online submission manual to create an account!

Submission of the Application



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The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Special-Education-Services/Pages/Budget-and-Grant-Applications.aspx. The page has a left-hand navigation menu and a main content area.

Navigation Menu:

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Submission of RRG



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- This may be mailed OR submitted via the Georgia Department of Education mail.
- These grants should NOT be submitted via regular email due to FERPA.
- The superintendent MUST sign this grant.

Applying for a Residential Reintegration Grant



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- Intended to assist districts that place a student in a residential facility in state or out of state
- There is a very rigorous, but appropriate, process involved in placing a student residentially
- Expenses listed on the application must be supported by invoices for services
 - Breakdown for room and board and for educational services must be present

Funding Priorities

State Rule 160-4-7-.18 Grants of Services



1. Children with profound and severe disabilities requiring residential services who are wards of the state
2. Children with profound and severe disabilities requiring reintegration from a residential program
3. Children with profound disabilities who need residential services
4. Children with severe disabilities who need residential services



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FAQs about RRG

- If a student who is currently funded through the Grant for Residential and Reintegration Services becomes the subject of a due process hearing, fiscal maintenance of the placement will be the responsibility of the local system.
- The minimum amount considered for a grant application to be processed is \$30,000.
- All invoices must be attached up to the date of the grant submission.

Final Tips for Both Grants



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- Both grants are a bonus for a district: extra money that's not expected or guaranteed
- Applications take considerable time to prepare; Don't wait till the last minute
- Don't expect reimbursement for the whole amount of the application; numbers of applications and corresponding finances will influence rate of reimbursement
- **Grant period – July 1 through June 30**
- **Funds must be used by June 30th of the current fiscal year**
- LEA's will be notified via the EMAIL BLAST when the board item has been approved
- LEA's who receive a High Cost Grant will receive a Grant Award Notification

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- Documentation of expenses already incurred and to-be incurred must be fully supported by evidence that the expenses have been or will be paid out by the district
- Funds are granted for expenditures you made this year and must be used to reimburse your district in those same categories (or Fund Sources)
- Funds provided for reimbursement through these grants will come in a separate budget all together
- Is an allowable exception if MOE is not met
 - * See budget liaison for details

Questions??