# High Cost Grant Fund

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# **High Cost Fund Grant Purpose**

 The Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) has established a High Cost Grant to support school systems and schools who serve our state's students with the most difficult needs. These funds will assist local educational agencies in covering the direct special education instructional costs of children with disabilities who meet the criteria established in IDEA 2004 and the system plan for GHCF.

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# **High Cost Grant Fund Benefits**

- Source of revenue for the LEA
- Offsets LEA's expenditures
- Helps to maintain quality programs for all students





# **HCGF Important Information**

- Applications open January 1, 2024
- Submit applications online at www.gahcf.org
- Application portal closes COB February 15, 2024
- Expenditures should be 3 times the average per pupil cost of \$27,000.





# **High Cost Grant Fund Tips**

- 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 1st through June 30th of the current fiscal year.
- LEA's will be notified via the Director's EMAIL BLAST when the board item has been approved.
- LEA's who receive a High Cost Grant will receive a Grant Award Notification.
- High Cost Grants are a bonus for a district: extra money that's not expected or guaranteed.



# **High Cost Grant Fund Resources**

#### High Cost Grant Fund Resources

#### Federal Grant for High Cost Fund

- Georgia's Plan for High Cost
- Grant for High Cost Funds Sample Application
- Grant for High Cost Funds Q&A
- Georgia's High Cost Grant Submission Training Webinar
- Georgia's High Cost Grant Online Submission Manual
- High Cost Grant Module
- FY21 High Cost and Residential Reintegration Grants Webinar PowerPoint





# **Residential and Reintegration Grant**



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## **Residential & Reintegration Grant**

 The Grant for Residential and **Reintegration Services** (GRRS) can assist a school system with partial funding for a high-cost placement of a student with disabilities to a private residential program or reintegration back from a residential program.



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## **RRG Important Information**

- The grant period for RRG is calculated for the duration of the residential placement occurring within the current fiscal year (July 1 through June 30).
- The RRG is a state grant, so application must be completed only for the current fiscal year (July 1 through June 30).
- The RRG covers **only** direct special education costs, related services, and room and board.
- The minimum amount considered for an RRG application to be processed is \$30,000.



### **RRG Dates to Remember**

- Applications open January 1, 2024.
- RRG Applications are available <u>here</u>.
- Applications must be submitted by COB February 15, 2024.
- Applications must be signed by the LEA's Superintendent.

**Budgets & Grants Application Website** 

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## **Residential and Reintegration Services Resources**

- <u>Residential and Reintegration</u>
  <u>Services Instructions</u>
- <u>Residential Reintegration Grant</u>
  <u>Module</u>





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