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Graduates Ready to Attain Success in Postsecondary
 Student Transition Support Grant
Request for Application (RFA) Application Package

Application Deadline: Friday, April 15, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. EST

Introduction and Purpose:

The Graduates Ready to Attain Success in Postsecondary (GRASP) Student Transition Support Grant aims to support selected elementary, middle, and high schools as they work to increase student success in transitioning to middle and high school to promote postgraduate success.

The GRASP Student Transition Support grant provides an opportunity for current GRASP cohorts and their feeder middle school(s) and elementary schools to support transition programs between elementary, middle, and high school levels for at-risk students to achieve academic success. Grant amounts are up to \$100,000 per approved applicant, pending grant funding.

The maximum grant period is July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, subject to the continued availability of funds and the grantee meeting all outlined requirements. **All goods and services must be received and activities and purchases for this grant must be expended by June 30, 2022.** GaDOE reserves the right to replicate, adapt, and publish materials developed with funding from the grant.

Eligible Applicants:

Eligible applicants must be local education agencies (LEAs) that received GRASP Grant awards in the current school year. Individual schools applying for the grant will not be considered.

Those recipients of the GRASP Grant in the current school year are:

District	GRASP Grant Recipient
Atlanta Public Schools	Booker T. Washington HS
	Douglass HS
Bibb County Schools	Westside HS
Clayton County Schools	Forest Park HS
	North Clayton HS
DeKalb County Schools	Clarkston HS
	Cross Keys HS
	McNair HS
	Miller Grove HS
	Stone Mountain HS
Gwinnett County Schools	Towers HS
	Berkmar HS



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Application Submission

This application information package contains all forms and instructions necessary to apply for the GRASP Student Transition Support Grant. Please review the enclosed materials and carefully follow the instructions for completing the application. Before submitting the application, the applicant should review the application requirements to ensure that all sections and documents are complete.

The deadline for submission is Friday, April 15, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. EST. The application must be submitted on or before the deadline to [GRASP Transition Grant Application](#) . Questions can be submitted to Slgrants@doe.k12.ga.us

Timeline of Activities

Date	Activity/Action
April 6, 2022	RFA released
April 15, 2022	Application submission deadline
May 11-12, 2022	Grant awards submitted to the State Board of Education for approval
June 30, 2022	All grant funds must be expended

Program Requirements

GRASP Student Transition Support grants provide current GRASP Grant recipients and their feeder middle and elementary schools with funding to support transition programs between elementary, middle, and high school levels for at-risk students to achieve academic success, and/or for the cohort high school to implement a transition program between grade levels for at-risk students already attending the high school.

Allowable Activities

Applicants may use funds to implement specific activities that will support the implementation of transition programs between school levels. Authorized purchases include:

- Salary and/or stipends for staff, including benefits
- District-provided transportation for students to and from the transition program
- Supplies and materials to support the implementation of the transition program

Unallowable Activities

Grant funds may not be used for:

- Indirect costs
- Out-of-state travel, graduate-level courses, or professional memberships
- Capital improvements to existing structures



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- Clerical staff or grant administration
- Internet connectivity
- Supplies not related to transition program
- Furniture or playground equipment
- Rewards and incentives
- Personal items

Grant Period

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Grant Award Amounts

During the grant cycle covered by this RFA release, LEAs may request funds up to \$10,000 per feeder and/or cohort school, based on need and proposed services. LEAs should submit one application to request funding for the cohort and/or feeder schools with a maximum funding of \$100,000.00 per LEA.

Responsibilities of the Local Education Agency

The following are some of the expectations, roles, and responsibilities of the LEA:

- Administer the grant from award to closeout in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations
- Serve as the organizational representative and point of contact for all businessmanagement aspects of the award agreement.
- Prepare necessary reports.
- Keep the GaDOE and stakeholders aware and informed of grant project progress.
- Evaluate the extent to which project objectives are being met.

Program Monitoring and Accountability

The GaDOE is responsible for monitoring grant implementation in accordance with the following program accountability requirements:

- Each applicant receiving funding through this RFA meets the eligibility requirements for the grant described herein, and the applicant assures that it will comply with all program implementation and reporting requirements established through the grant.
- Each applicant receiving funding through this RFA appropriately uses these funds as described in this application package.
- Each applicant implements activities funded through this application within the timeline in which the funds provided are to be used.

Programmatic Reporting Requirements



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Districts receiving grant funds must prepare and submit a final report by September 1, 2022.

Review and Selection Process

GaDOE staff will conduct an initial review of all grant applications for completeness and compliance with application and eligibility guidelines. All required materials, including forms and appendices, must be submitted for the application to be considered complete and eligible for review. Only those applications that are received by the deadline and deemed complete by GaDOE will be forwarded for review and funding consideration. Readers will evaluate each application using the Application Scoring Tool (Appendix C). A reader may award up to 100 points for each application. Readers' scores will be averaged to determine a total score to rank the scores from highest to lowest and to allocate funding based upon the scores. Applicants scoring sixty or below will not be awarded funds.

Application Components

Program Description

Provide a brief narrative of the transition support program that will be implemented at each school, detailing how the program will impact student preparedness for the next school level.

Identify Needs

Provide a brief narrative and data that outlines the need for a transition program.

Plan for Implementation

Provide a brief narrative outlining the following for each school:

- Overall goals/anticipated outcomes of the transition support program
- Overall program design and key details
- Plan for how the schools are collaborating to implement the program (elementary to middle and middle to high).
- Criteria and plan for student selection of at-risk students to participate in the program. Criteria may include but are not limited to student attendance, retention and academic achievement.

Implement Plan

The applicant must provide proposed number of students served and a timeline of implementation that includes the date(s) of the transition support program.

Examine Progress

Each applicant must outline how it will evaluate the implementation and impact of the transition support program.



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Grant Assurances

Each applicant must complete all requested information on the Assurances Form (Appendix A) and have it signed by the superintendent.

Budget

Using the budget template (Appendix B), provide a detailed list of items to be purchased, including staff, transportation, and materials costs.

Appendix A
Georgia Department of Education
GRASP Student Transition Support Grant Assurances

Assurances	Superintendent's Initials
Personnel implementing the student transition program will have the certification, experience, and documented success to increase student success in transitioning to middle school and high school and to postgraduate success	
The LEA will only purchase items approved in the grant budget template submitted with the awarded grant application. If adjustments to the budget are needed, they will be approved by GaDOE prior to amending the budget.	
Supplemental materials purchased with grant funds to support the transition program will be used solely for implementation of the initiative.	
All funds will be used for the allowable grant expenditures as outlined in the application.	
All funds will be expended by June 30, 2022.	
LEA:(Include Full Name with no acronyms) and Name of School if not a district application.	
Principal (Print Name):	
Superintendent (Print Name):	
Signature of Superintendent:	Date:



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Appendix B
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GRASP Student Transition Support Grant Budget Template

GRASP Student Transition Support Grant Budget Template			
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Function Code	Object Code	Description List items to be purchased	Amount
			\$ -



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Appendix C
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District Name:

Reviewer Number:

Grant Reviewers will indicate level of agreement for each statement on a scale of 1 to 3.

Level 1 – Elements of the statement are not clearly addressed

Level 2 – Elements of the statement are evident, but not completely addressed

Level 3 – All elements of the statement are clearly addressed

Criteria	Level 1 (Zero points)	Level 2 (Half Points)	Level 3 (Full Points)	Comments
Program Description – Provides a brief narrative of the transition support program that will be implemented at each school that details how the program will impact student preparedness for the next school level. (20 pts)				
Plan for Implementation – Provides a brief narrative outlining the following for each school: -Overall goals/anticipated outcomes of the transition support program -Overall program design and key details -Collaboration Plan- Outline how the school levels are collaborating to implement the program (Elementary to middle, and middle to high). -Student Selection- criteria for selection of at risk students to participate in the program. (20 pts)				
Implement Plan – Provides a timeline of implementation that includes the date(s) of the transition support program. (20 pts)				
Examine Progress – Each applicant must outline how it will evaluate the implementation and impact of the transition support program. (20 pts)				
Budget – Provides an itemized list of items to be purchased, including staff and materials costs. (10 pts)				



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Assurances – Appendix A is completely filled out and signed by superintendent (10 points)				
Totals for Each Column:				Grand Total: