



Tiospaye Topa School



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To: Tiospaye Topa Stakeholders

Re: EASIE/Title VI Grant

Tiospaye Topa School has been awarded the EASIE/Title VI Grant, which is the Indian Education Formula Grant for SY 20-21. Tiospaye Topa School is in the process for applying for the EASIE/Title VI Grant for the SY 21-22. The EASIE/Title VI Grant requires all applicants and awardees to inform stakeholders the use of the funding and collaboration of funding to provide culturally related academic, language, and cultural needs of Indian children.

For SY 20-21, Tiospaye Topa School was awarded \$32,334 for the EASIE/Title VI Grant. Tiospaye Topa School utilizes EASIE/Title VI for the Lakota Language Teacher direct instruction salary to provide the following:

- Culturally-related academic needs of Indian children, including language and cultural needs
- Restoration of Lakota language and culture classes to all students with Lakota Language Speakers/Teachers
- Cultural events, including culturally-related field trips, Language events, hand game competitions, and dancing

In addition to the EASIE/Title VI funds, Tiospaye Topa School uses the following funding sources to ensure that the restoration of Lakota language, culture, and history is implemented: ISEP, Title I, and TECA.

Please see the attached narrative description of the EASIE/Title VI Grant.

Sincerely,


Brent Mareska, Principal

Thunderhawks

Title VI Grant

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This program is designed to address the unique education and culturally related academic needs of American Indian and Alaska Native students, so that these students can achieve to the same challenging state performance standards expected of all students. The program is the Department's principal vehicle for addressing the particular needs of Indian children.

TYPES OF PROJECTS

Grant funds supplement the regular school program. Projects help Indian children sharpen their academic skills, assisting students in becoming proficient in the core content areas, and provide students an opportunity to participate in enrichment programs that would otherwise be unavailable.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Indian Education Formula Grant, Title VI, program provides grants to support local educational agencies in their efforts to reform elementary and secondary school programs that serve Indian students. The programs funded are to be based on challenging State content standards and State student performance standards used for all students, and be designed to assist Indian students to meet those standards.

TYPE OF INFORMATION REPORTED

State Assessment information (Summary only, no names are displayed).
The total number of Indian and Non-Indian students with assessment scores.
Number of Indian and Non-Indian students scoring Proficient or Above.
Graduation rate is reported.

SEC. 7115. AUTHORIZED SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

(a) GENERAL REQUIREMENTS – Each local educational agency that receives a grant under this subpart shall use the grant funds, in a manner consistent with the purpose specified in section 7111, for services and activities that –

1. Are designed to carry out the comprehensive program of the local educational agency for Indian students, and described in the application of the local educational agency submitted to the Secretary under section 7114(a);

2. Are designed with special regard for the language and cultural needs of the Indian students; and
3. Supplement and enrich the regular school program of such agency.

(b) PARTICULAR ACTIVITIES – The services and activities referred to in subsection (a) may include—

1. Culturally related activities that support the program described in the application submitted by the local educational agency;
2. Early childhood and family programs that emphasize school readiness;
3. Enrichment programs that focus on problem solving and cognitive skills development and directly support the attainment of challenging State academic content and student academic achievement standards;
4. Integrated educational services in combination with other programs that meet the needs of Indian children and their families;
5. Career preparation activities to enable Indian students to participate in programs such as the programs supported by the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998, including programs for tech-prep education, mentoring, and apprenticeship;
6. Activities to educate individuals concerning substance abuse and to prevent substance abuse;
7. The acquisition of equipment, but only if the acquisition of the equipment is essential to achieve the purpose described in section 7111;
8. Activities that promote the incorporation of culturally responsive teaching and learning strategies into the educational program of the local educational agency;
9. Activities that incorporate American Indian and Alaska Native specific curriculum content, consistent with State standards, into the curriculum used by the local educational agency;
10. Family literacy services; and
11. Activities that recognize and support the unique cultural and educational needs of Indian children, and incorporate appropriately qualified tribal elders and seniors.

(c) SCHOOLWIDE PROGRAMS- Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a local educational agency may use funds made available to such agency under this subpart to support a schoolwide program under section 1114 if;

1. The committee established pursuant to section 7114 ©(4) approves the use of the funds for the schoolwide program; and
2. The schoolwide program is consistent with the purpose described in section 7111.

(d) LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS- Not more than 5 percent of the funds provided to a grantee under this subpart for any fiscal year may be used for administrative purposes.