

FY20 Truants' Alternative and Optional Education Program - Request for  
Proposal (RFP)

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Program Overview

<b>Program:</b>	Truants' Alternative and Optional Education Program - Request for Proposal (RFP)
<b>Purpose:</b>	TAOEPs ensure that these students have equitable access to an education by creating modified instructional programming and services to these students, by planning for truancy prevention and intervention services to students and their parents, and offering part-time or full-time options to regular school attendance.
<b>Application Type:</b>	State Competitive Grant
<b>Application Deadline:</b>	<b>PROPOSALS MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY BY 4:00 PM ON FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2019</b> Late or substantively incomplete proposals will not be eligible for consideration.
<b>Legislation:</b>	<u>Truants' Alternative and Optional Education Program Legislation (105 ILCS 5/2-3.66)</u>
<b>Rules:</b>	<u>See 23 Illinois Administrative Code 205, linked here</u>
<b>CSFA Number:</b>	586-13-0542
<b>CSFA Title:</b>	Truants' Alternative and Optional Education Program
<b>Funding Opportunity Information:</b>	2020-3695-RF Truants Alternative and Optional Education Program Request for Proposal
<b>GATA Requirements:</b>	<u>Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) website</u> <u>GATA Rules</u> <u>GATA Legislation</u>
<b>2 CFR Guidance:</b>	<b>Code of Federal Regulations/Title 2-Grants and Agreements.</b> <b>Guidance can be found at <a href="http://www.govinfo.gov/app/collection/cfr/">www.govinfo.gov/app/collection/cfr/</a></b>
<b>Eligible Applicants:</b>	Public school districts, Regional Offices of Education, community college districts, charter schools, area vocational centers and public university laboratory schools approved by the Illinois State Board of Education are eligible to apply.
<b>Grant Award:</b>	The grant award for FY2020 is \$11,500,000. Individual grant awards will vary, depending on the needs addressed in the approved proposals and the total appropriation for the program. Priority points will be given based on the percent of adequacy under Evidence-Based Funding. Cost sharing or matching is not required for this grant.
<b>Funding Note:</b>	<b>Payment under this grant is subject to passage of a sufficient appropriation by the General Assembly for the program. Obligations of the State Board of Education will cease immediately without further obligation should the agency fail to receive sufficient funds (i.e., state, federal or other) for this program.</b>

**Grant Period:**

The grant period will begin no sooner than July 1, 2019, and will extend from the execution date of the grant until June 30, 2020. Successful applicants may reapply via continuing application for up to two additional years (i.e., FY2021 and FY2022). Funding in the subsequent years will be contingent upon a sufficient appropriation for the program and satisfactory progress in the preceding grant period.

**Grant Award Notice:**

It is anticipated that successful applicants will receive a Notice of State Award (NOSA) from the state superintendent via IWAS approximately 90 days after the application deadline. The NOSA is NOT an authorization to begin performance or expenditures. Applicants must submit the required amendment containing the NOSA and Uniform Grant Agreement (UGA) to confirm acceptance of the terms of the award. Applicants will be notified via IWAS of programmatic approval.

**GATA NOTE:**

The State of Illinois Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) requires applicants to complete pre-award requirements before receiving an award for an FY2020 grant. This includes completion of the Applicant Registration, Applicant Prequalification, and Fiscal and Administrative Risk Assessment (ICQ) available at the Illinois GATA Web portal (see link below). Grant applications must be submitted by the deadline indicated in the NOFO/RFP.

Illinois GATA Web Portal is at:

[www2.illinois.gov/sites/GATA/grantee/pages/default.aspx](http://www2.illinois.gov/sites/GATA/grantee/pages/default.aspx)

**Dun and Bradstreet  
Universal Numbering  
System (DUNS) Number  
and System for Award  
Management (SAM)**

Each applicant (unless the applicant is an individual or Federal or State awarding agency that is exempt from those requirements under 2 CFR § 25.110(b) or (c), or has an exception approved by the Federal or State awarding agency under 2 CFR § 25.110(d)) is required to:

I. Be registered in SAM before submitting its application. If you are not registered in SAM, this link provides a connection for SAM registration: [www.sam.gov/SAM/](http://www.sam.gov/SAM/)

II. Provide a valid DUNS number in its application ([see http://www.dnb.com/duns-number.html](http://www.dnb.com/duns-number.html)); and

III. Continue to maintain an active SAM registration with current information at all times during which it has an active Federal, Federal pass-through, or State award or an application or plan under consideration by a Federal or State awarding agency. ISBE may not make a Federal pass-through or State award to an applicant until the applicant has complied with all applicable DUNS and SAM requirements and, if an applicant has not fully complied with the requirements by the time that ISBE is ready to make a Federal pass-through or State award, ISBE may determine that the applicant is not qualified to receive a Federal pass-through or State award and use that determination as a basis for making a Federal pass-through or State award to another applicant.

**Expenditure Reports:**

Quarterly cumulative expenditure reports and a final completion report are required.

**Program Performance and  
Data Reports:**

1. Periodic performance reports are required through the Grant Periodic Reporting System in IWAS.
2. The required mid-year report is included in this application.
3. The End-of-Year Report, which also includes the Statistical Evaluation Report, must be submitted no later than 30 days after the end of the grant period. The End-of-Year Report is available on IWAS.

**Technical Assistance -  
Bidders' Webinar:**

Title: Truants' Alternative and Optional Education Program (TAOEP)  
FY2020 Application

Date: Monday, May 16, 2019

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. CDT



Space is limited. Reserve your Webinar seat now at:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7412966067237694211>

**Changes to NOFO/RFP:**

ISBE will post any changes made to the NOFO/RFP prior to the due date on the division web page at the link below. Applicants are advised to check the site before submitting a proposal.

[www.isbe.net/Pages/Special-Education-Truants-Alternative-and-Optional-Education-Program.aspx](http://www.isbe.net/Pages/Special-Education-Truants-Alternative-and-Optional-Education-Program.aspx)

**Fiscal Information:**

[Requirements for Accounting, Budgeting, Financial Reporting, and Auditing](#)

[State and Federal Grant Administration Policy, Fiscal Requirements and Procedures](#)

**Contact:**

For more information on this RFP, contact TAOEP program staff in the Regulatory Support and Wellness Division by phone at 217/782-5270 or by email at the addresses below.

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