

Overview

Program:	Teacher Leader Problems of Practice
Purpose:	ISBE is committed to developing local capacity to solve problems of practice faced by the field in the recruitment, preparation, and utilization of teacher leaders.
Program Type:	First year of a Competitive Program
CFDA Number:	84.367A
CFDA Name:	Teacher Leader Problems of Practice
CSFA Number:	586-00-2044
CSFA Title:	Teacher Leader Problems of Practice
Funding Opportunity Number and Name:	2021-4935-TL
Eligible Applicants:	Eligible applicants include Local Education Agencies (LEA) and Regional Office of Education (ROE) within the State of Illinois. Priority will be given to Tier 1 districts.
GATA Award Requirements:	<p>The State of Illinois Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) requires applicants to complete pre-award requirements before receiving an award for an FY 2021 grant. This includes completion of the Grantee Registration and Pre-qualification process through the Illinois GATA Web Portal at the link below. Grant applications must be submitted by the deadline indicated in the NOFO/RFP.</p> <p>Funding Opportunities</p> <p>Grant applicants are required to complete an FY 2021 Fiscal and Administrative Risk Assessment in the form of an Internal Controls Questionnaire (ICQ) available through the GATA Web Portal and a FY 2021 Programmatic Risk Assessment through the ISBE Web Application Security (IWAS) system. Grant awards will not be executed until the FY 2021 ICQ and Programmatic Risk Assessments are completed.</p>
Dun and Bradstreet Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number and System for Award Management (SAM):	<p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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/ II. Provide a valid DUNS number in its application Dun and Bradstreet 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.
2 CFR Guidance:	Code of Federal Regulations/Title 2 - Grants and Agreements/Vol 1/2014-01-01192 Guidance is found at: www.govinfo.gov/app/collection/cfr/
GATA Requirements:	Website Rules Legislation
Merit-Based Review and Selection Process for Competitive Grants:	The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) is required to design and execute a merit-based review and selection process for applications. This process is incorporated by reference in all applicable funding opportunities. The full text of the ISBE merit-based review policy can be found at www.isbe.net/Documents/Merit_Based_Review_Policy.pdf Applicants are advised to refer to the policy document.
Grant Award/Cost Sharing or Matching:	This NOFO/RFP does not require cost matching, but LEAs are strongly encouraged to think through matching and continuation of funding after the end of the grant. The range of awards will be between \$5,000 and \$75,000. LEAs categorized by Evidence-Based Funding (EBF) as Tier 1 will receive additional points during scoring.
Grant Period:	The grant period will begin no sooner than August 30, 2020, and will extend from the execution date of the grant until June 30, 2021.
Submission Date and Method:	<p>All applications must be submitted electronically through the Teacher Leader Problems of Practice RFP system found in the IWAS program listing.</p> <p>Late or incomplete proposals will not be eligible for consideration. Due to the expected volume of applicants, it is highly recommended that applicants submit prior to the last day since the system will not allow electronic submission after the deadline.</p> <p>Proposals must be submitted electronically by 4:00 pm on July 16, 2020.</p>
Grant Award Notice:	It is anticipated that successful applicants will receive a Notice of State Award (NOSA) from the State Superintendent

via email or the U.S. Postal Service approximately 90 days after the application deadline. The NOSA is NOT an authorization to begin performance or expenditures. Applicants must sign and return a copy of the NOSA to confirm acceptance of the terms of the award. Once the signed NOSA is received by ISBE, a Uniform Grant Agreement will be prepared and sent to the applicant. Awardees will receive additional information from the programmatic contact approximately one week later via email or the U.S. Postal Service. This information will include important programmatic dates. Monies spent prior to programmatic approval are done so at the applicant's own risk.

Changes to NOFO/RFP:

ISBE will post any changes made to the NOFO/RFP prior to July 9, 2020 at www.isbe.net/Pages/Request-for-Proposals.aspx Applicants are advised to check the site before submitting a proposal.

Agency Contact:

For more information on this NOFO/RFP, contact [Vince Camille](mailto:Vince.Camille@isbe.net). All questions asked concerning this NOFO/RFP will be responded to in a Frequently Asked Questions document found at www.isbe.net/Pages/Educator-Effectiveness-Grants.aspx so all respondents can see all questions and the responses to the questions. Changes to the FAQ will not be made after July 9, 2020. Applicants are advised to check the site before submitting a proposal.

Funding Note:

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.

Performance Reports:

Periodic Performance Reports are required.

Expenditure Reports:

Quarterly financial expenditure reports which includes all direct costs and obligations for the periods ending September 30, 2020, December 31, 2020, and March 31, 2021, which will be due no later than October 20, 2020, January 20, 2021 and April 20, 2021, respectively. A final cumulative expenditure report for all expenditures through the period ending June 30, 2021, will be due no later than July 20, 2021.

Additional Reports:

Reports required for continuation funding (format designated by ISBE):

- Quarterly progress reports
- End-of-year progress report due September 2021.

Have questions or need help? Contact our Call Center (217)558-3600 between 7:00am - 5:00pm CST, Monday - Friday or [Click here to Contact Us](#)

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