



DATE: August 9, 2023

MEMORANDUM

TO: FY 2023 Property Tax Relief Grant Recipients

FROM: State Funding and Forecasting Department

SUBJECT: Abatement requirements if deemed eligible for FY 2024 Property Tax Relief Grant

Public Act 100-0017 established a two-year abatement requirement for recipients of the Property Tax Relief Grant (PTRG) effective with the fiscal year 2020 grant cycle. FY 2023 PTRG grant cycle marked the first instance of two consecutive years of appropriation for the PTRG with this requirement in place. This may lead some to wonder how the abatement requirements will work if an FY 2023 PTRG recipient is determined to be eligible for the FY 2024 grant. The below example is intended to provide clarification.

It was determined in FY 2023 that District ABC was eligible for the PTRG and it received a grant of \$90 after abating \$100. The district is required to abate \$100 for tax years 2022 and 2023 for the grant to remain part of its Base Funding Minimum (BFM).

District ABC again applied for the PTRG in FY 2024 and was determined to be eligible for a grant of \$135 after abating \$150. The district is required to abate \$150 for tax years 2023 and 2024 for the grant to remain part of its BFM.

This means that in tax year 2023 District ABC must file two separate abatement resolutions with its county clerk and obtain two separate Certificates of Abatement to file with ISBE.

Resolution #1 - FY 23 PTRG Abatement = \$100

Resolution #2 - FY 24 PTRG Abatement = \$150

Total PTRG Abatements for Tax Year 2023 = \$250

The following table depicts the abatement requirements for the PTRG program since its inception. It illustrates the previously outlined scenario.

Property Tax Relief Grant Abatement Requirements

Abatement	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Tax Year 1	2019	N/A	2021	2022	2023
Tax Year 2	2020	N/A	2022	2023	2024

The application period for the FY 2024 cycle will remain open until midnight January 8, 2024. Applicants will be able to modify or cancel their application at any point up until that deadline.

Districts that are determined to be eligible will be notified in January 2024. At that point, a district may also opt out and forfeit the grant. Forfeited funds will be redistributed to all districts via the Evidence-Based Funding tier funding calculation. However, please note that forfeiting the PTRG after eligibility is determined means that district has essentially taken away the grant opportunity from another district that would have been eligible had it not applied.

We encourage all districts to apply for the PTRG, but we ask that you carefully consider the impact of the two-year abatement requirement when applying for a consecutive year grant.

Any questions may be sent to the State Funding and Forecasting Department at sff@isbe.net.

