

# **Property Tax Relief Grant Program (PTRG)**

**Updated Program for FY 2025**

**105 ILCS 5/2-3.170**

# What is the PTRG?

- Established by Public Act 100-0465 and revised by Public Act 100-0582 and Public Act 101 – 0017.
- Provides school districts with high tax rates relative to other school districts with an opportunity to lower the property tax burden on local taxpayers with the state replacing a portion of foregone tax revenue with state funds.
- Exempt from the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act.
- Per statute, when increased funds are in excess of \$300 million a max of \$50 million is reserved for the PTRG.

# Calculation of PTRG – Gathering Data

Key data points are needed to begin the PTRG. Calculations involve:

- The District Organization Type (i.e. Elementary, Unit, High School)
- Real Adjusted EAV as used in the EBF calculation for the applicable Fiscal Year. (e.g. FY 25 will utilize the Tax Year 2022 Real Adjusted EAV)
- Adjusted Operating Tax Rate (OTR) for the applicable Fiscal Year (e.g. FY 25 will utilize the Tax Year 2022 Adjusted OTR)
- The Average Adjusted OTR by District Organization Type (will change annually)
- The District Local Capacity Percentage (LCP) for the applicable Fiscal Year

## Calculation of PTRG – Determining the Percentage of District Organization Type Average (Qualifier for Eligibility)

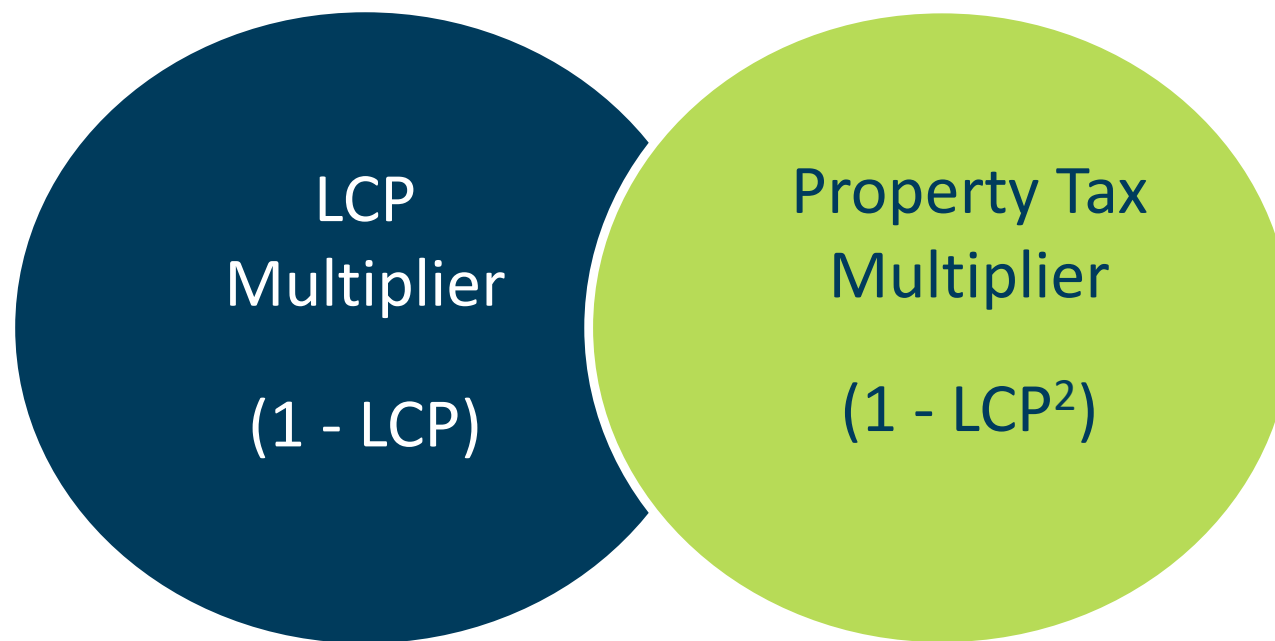
- The District Tax Rate as a Percentage (%) of the Average Tax Rate by District Type is utilized in PTRG as the qualifier to determine district eligibility. This is equal to:

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{District Adjusted} \\ \text{OTR} \\ \hline \end{array} \div \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{Average Tax Rate} \\ \text{for District Type} \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \% \text{ of District Org} \\ \text{Type Average} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

- This must be calculated for all districts in order to determine eligibility order.

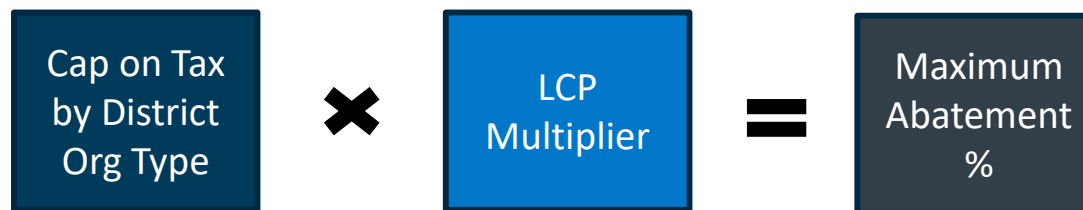
# Calculation of PTRG – Determining the Multipliers

- There are two multipliers used in the PTRG calculation. Both multipliers use the Local Capacity Percentage (LCP) from the EBF calculations and must be determined for each district in advance of completing the calculation.



# Calculation of PTRG – Identifying the Maximum Abatement Percentage

- Applying the LCP multiplier provides greater tax relief to under resourced districts.
  - The Cap on Tax Relief by District Organization Type
    - Unit = 0.01 or 1%
    - Elementary = 0.0069 or 0.69%
    - High School = 0.0031 or 0.31%



LCP Multiplier = (1 - LCP)

# Calculation of PTRG – Maximum Possible Abatement (in dollars)

- Determining the Maximum Abatement amount utilizes data and multipliers defined in previous slides. You will need the Maximum Abatement % and Adjusted EAV.

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{Maximum} \\ \text{Abatement} \\ \hline \% \\ \hline \end{array} \times \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{Adjusted} \\ \text{EAV} \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{Maximum} \\ \text{Possible} \\ \text{Abatement} \\ \hline \text{Amount \$} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

***Remember, this is a preliminary amount. Final maximum abatement amounts are determined once the final pool of applicants is established.***

# Calculation of PTRG – Maximum Grant Possible

- Determining the Maximum Possible Grant Award utilizes data and multipliers defined in previous slides. You will need the Maximum Possible Abatement Amount and Property Tax Multiplier.



$$\text{Property Tax Multiplier} = (1 - \text{LCP}^2)$$

***Remember, this is a preliminary grant award. Final grant awards are determined once the final pool of applicants is established.***



# Final PTRG Calculations

- Only once the final pool of applicants is identified can final PTRG calculations be completed.
- Applicant districts will be sorted by the % of District Org Type Average to determine eligibility.
- The appropriated grant money will be distributed to districts in the order of eligibility.
- If there are insufficient funds to pay the full amount of the grant the final qualifying district is eligible for, the maximum abatement amount will be determined by dividing the remaining available funds by the Property Tax Multiplier.

# Things to Consider Before Applying for the PTRG

# Things for District Administration to Discuss Prior to Applying

- Districts are required to abate taxes for 2 years.
  - Districts should assess the impact of the two-year requirement to abate.
- If a district does not abate the tax for a second year, the grant amount will be removed from the district's Base Funding Minimum in the fiscal year following the failure to abate.

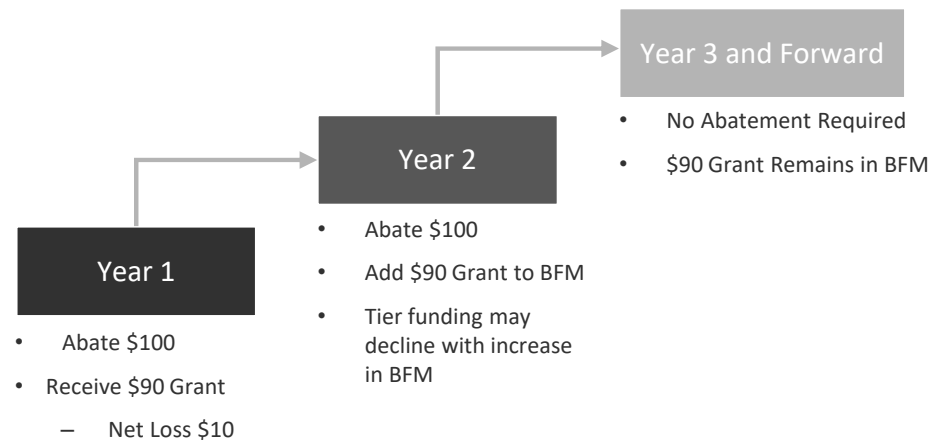
# How PTRG Affects Future Year Funding

Example District

Year 1 Maximum Abatement= \$100

Year 1 Grant as a % of Abatement = 90%

Year 1 PTRG = \$90



*\*Every district's Grant as % of Abatement will vary.\**

*\*Every district's timeline of recovery due to the abatement loss will vary.\**

# Property Tax Relief Grants Become Part of Future Base Funding Minimum Amounts

Any grants received by a school district shall be included in future calculations of that school district's Base Funding Minimum under Section 18-8.15 of the School Code.

[105 ILCS 5/2-3.170(k)]

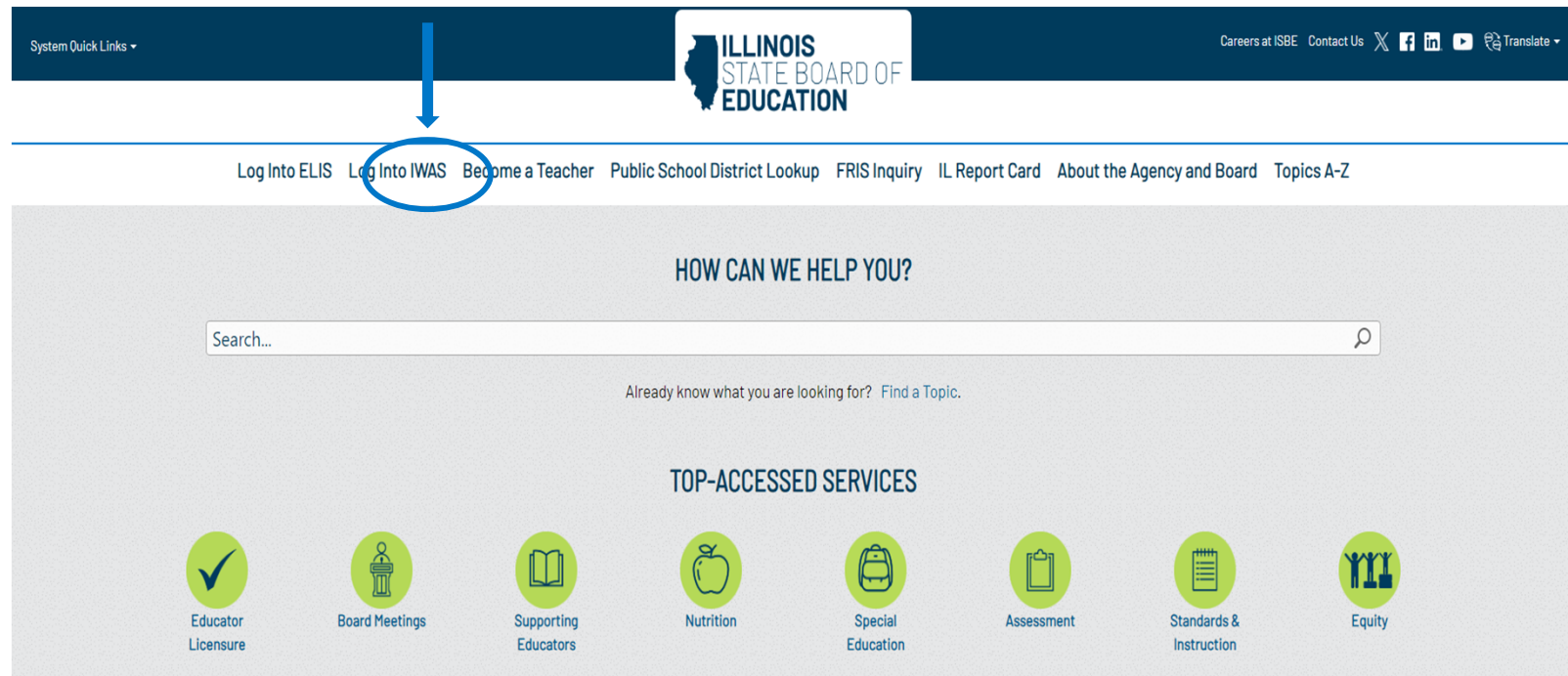
For districts subject to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law, in the two consecutive tax years following receipt of a Property Tax Relief Grant, the aggregate extension base of any school district receiving a grant shall include the tax relief the school district provided in the previous taxable year.

[105 ILCS 5/2-3.170(l)]

# How to Apply for the Property Tax Relief Grant

# Application Available on IWAS

To apply please  
visit  
[www.isbe.net](http://www.isbe.net)  
and click on  
“Log Into IWAS”



# Application Available on IWAS

Enter your Login and Password into the IWAS system.

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# Application Available on IWAS

On the panel found on the left-hand side of your screen select Systems Listing.

Once the list of systems you are authorized to use populates find Evidence Based Funding and click on the link.

**My Systems**

Below are systems that you are either authorized to use or are awaiting authorization from either your district (Pending-District), ROE (Pending-ROE) or ISBE (Pending-ISBE). Once you are "Authorized" to access a system, simply click on the system description to use it. [Click Here for Due Dates](#)

Categories - Click to Expand/Collapse Tree	Authorization
Reporting	
Annual	
CTE Program of Study Approval	Authorized
Evidence Based Funding	Authorized

Legend: ⓘ : System Description - Detailed | 📅 : Due Dates | 👤 : Profile

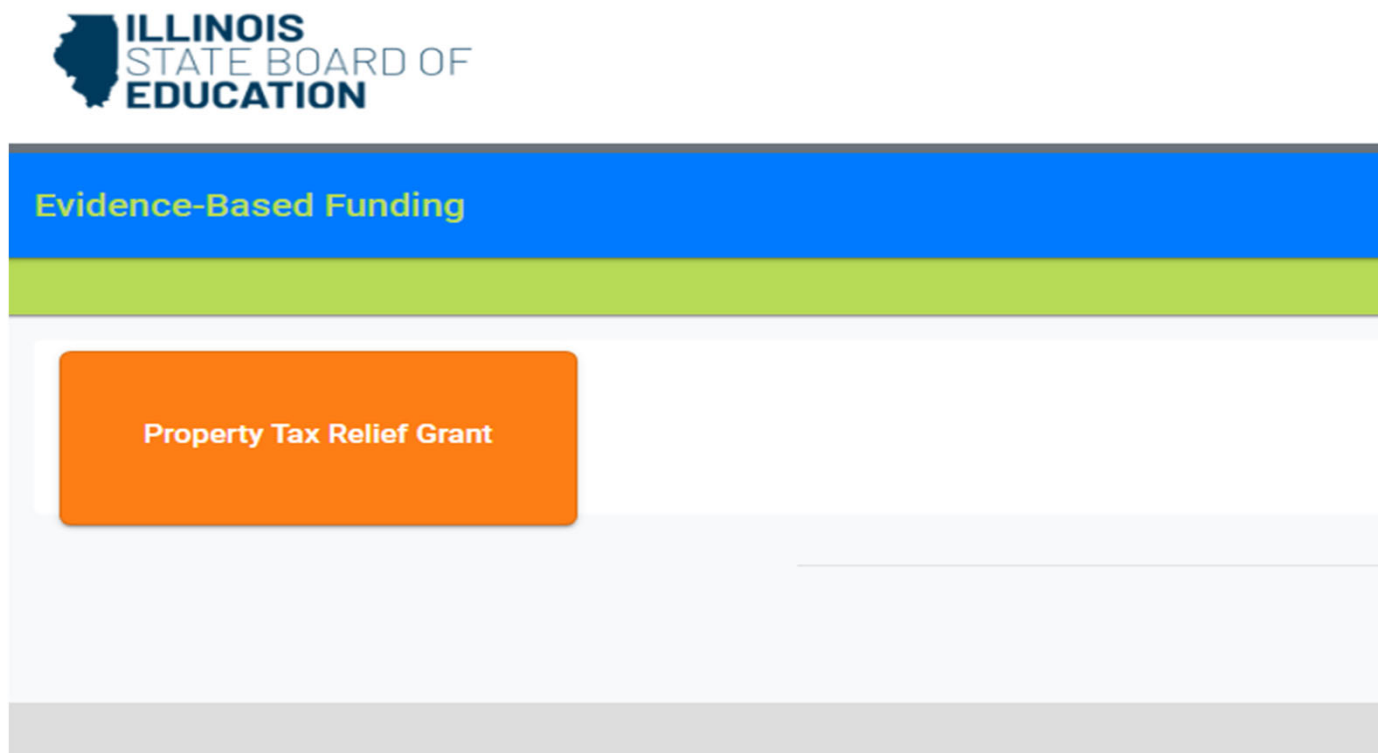
[Want to Signup for Other Systems?](#)

\*Note every user's screen will look different depending on what systems they are authorized to use.\*

# Application Available on IWAS

Selecting Evidence-Based Funding leads to this view.

Please select the orange box to open the application.



# Example of the Entry Screen for Amount of Abatement Requested

Your maximum abatement amount and the % of the abatement that could be paid as a grant will appear on this screen. The amount of abatement requested field is pre-populated with the maximum possible amount.

Your district may opt to apply for less or not apply at all.

***Your application is not complete until you click on the “Submit” button and see the confirmation of the application history on the bottom of the page.***

## Property Tax Relief Grant Application

Grant program administered by the Illinois State Board of Education the maximum abatement amount possible for your district. You may

Maximum Possible Tax Abatement ⓘ

\$ 1,747,402.00

% of Relief Possible as a Grant ⓘ

64.8232390000

%

Amount of Abatement Requested \*

\$ 1,747,402.00

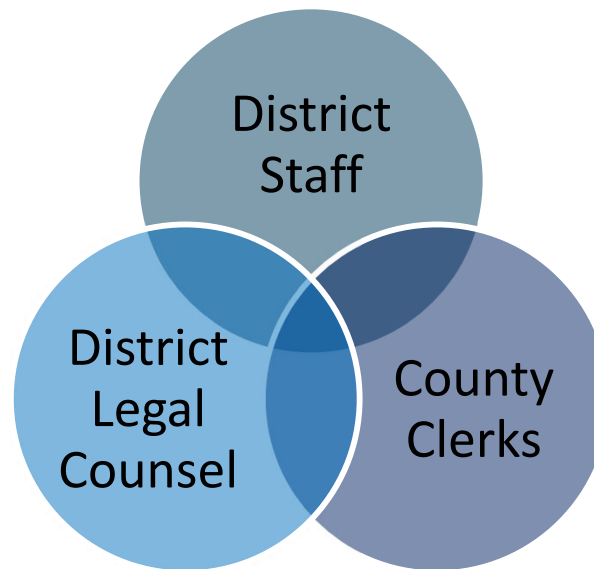
Submit

\*You will have the ability to cancel your application or change the amount by clicking on the “Reset” button that will appear once your application is submitted. This option will be available to you until the 1/8/25 deadline.\*

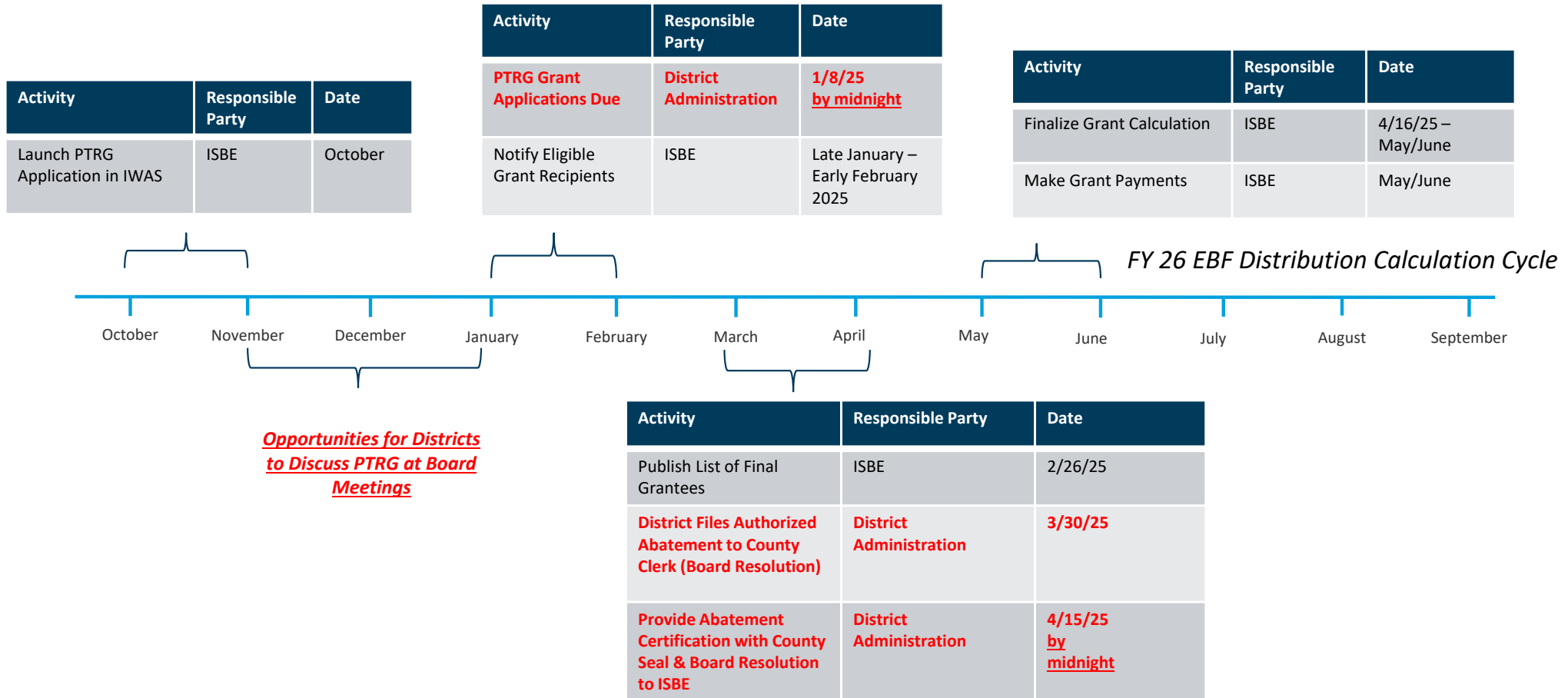
\*Any time you make a change you must again click on the “Submit” button.\*

# Districts Should Consult with Legal Counsel and County Clerks to Document Intent to Abate Taxes

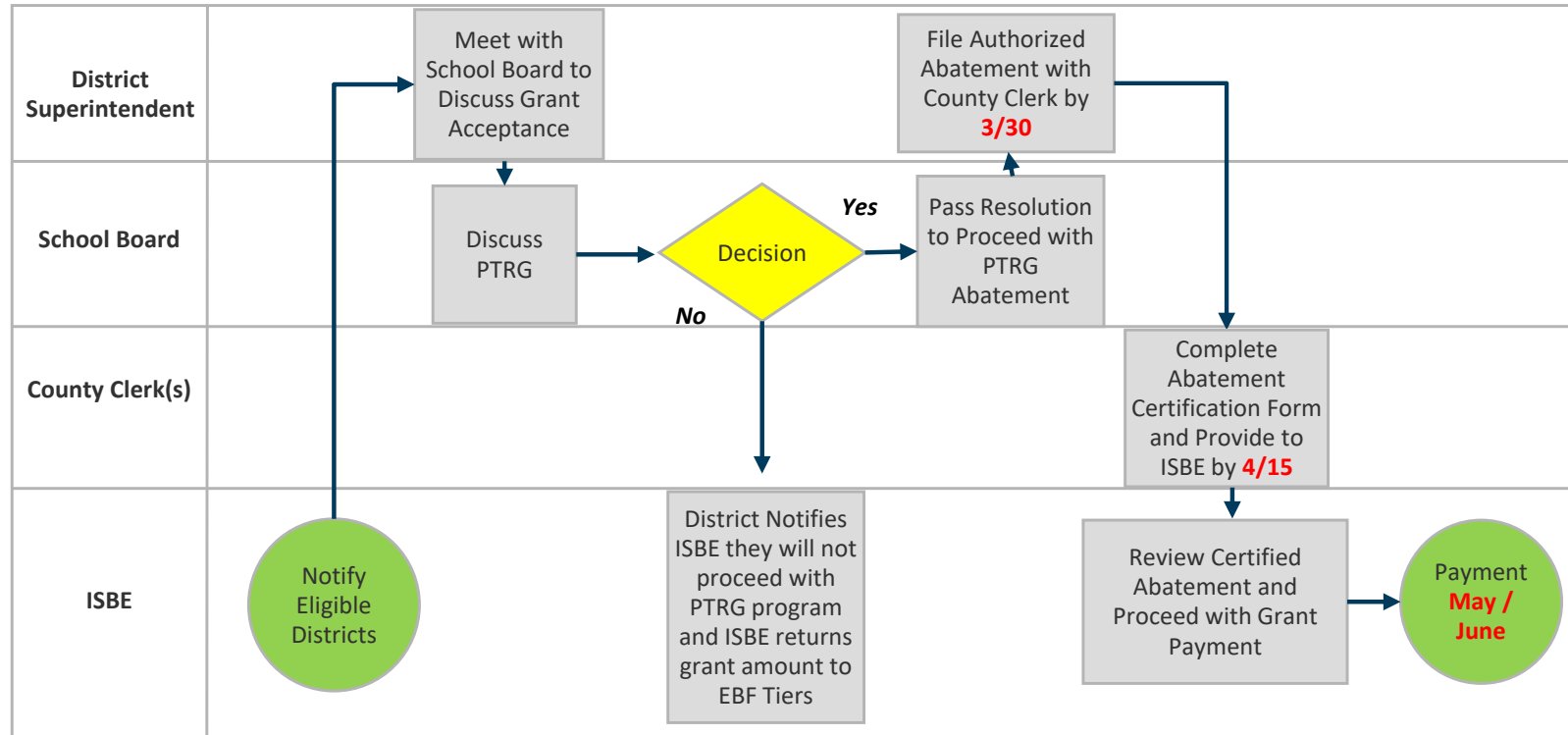
- Districts must file a property tax abatement resolution with county clerks
- County clerks must complete a Certificate of Property Tax Abatement Form (<https://www.isbe.net/proptaxrelief>)



# Property Tax Relief Grant (PTRG) Process Calendar



# PTRG Finalization Process



## Resources

- Information about the Property Tax Relief Grant, including the application, a webinar and a file defining maximum tax relief possible and the percentage of tax relief each district may receive as a state grant, are available at the ISBE website, <https://www.isbe.net/proptaxrelief>.
- For questions, please contact State Funding and Forecasting at [sff@isbe.net](mailto:sff@isbe.net) or visit the above website for additional contact information.