

Program Overview

Program:	Truants' Alternative and Optional Education Program - Request for Proposal (RFP)
Purpose:	TAOEPs ensure that targeted 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.
CSFA Number:	586-13-0542
CSFA Title:	Truants' Alternative and Optional Education Program (State)
Program Type:	State Competitive Grant
Eligible Applicants:	Public school districts, Regional Offices of Education, community college districts, public university laboratory schools approved by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), charter schools, and area vocational centers are eligible to apply. Joint applications for funds may be submitted. However, in each case, an administrative agent must be designated, and the joint proposal must have the signature of each superintendent or the official authorized to submit the proposal. A school district or other eligible entity shall only participate in one proposal for a program. Applicants must determine if another entity is providing TAOEP services to the same students prior to applying for grant. Duplicative services are not allowable and such grant applications may not be considered for review. Applicants should review rules at the link below. See 23 Illinois Administrative Code 205. linked here
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 FY2021 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. www2.illinois.gov/sites/GATA/grantee/pages/default.aspx 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 an 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.
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/ ii. Provide a valid DUNS number in its application https://fedgov.dnb.com/webform iii. (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 consider an application for a federal pass-through or state award to an applicant until the applicant has complied with all applicable DUNS and SAM requirements
Code of Federal Regulations / Title 2 - Grants and Agreements / Vol. 1 / 2014-01-01192:	Guidance is found at https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2013-title2-vol1/pdf/CFR-2013-title2-vol1.pdf
GATA Requirements:	Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) website GATA Legislation GATA Rules
Merit-Based Review Process:	Merit-Based Review and Selection Process for Competitive Grants: 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 the link below. Applicants are advised to refer to the policy document https://www.isbe.net/Documents/Merit_Based_Review_Policy.pdf
Grant Award/Cost Sharing or Matching:	The total amount of grant funding will not exceed \$11.5 million. There is no matching requirement for this grant. Additional funding information can be found on the Funding Information page. Proposals that score under 80 points will not be funded.
Grant Period:	The grant period will begin no sooner than July 1, 2020, and will extend from the execution date of the grant until June 30, 2021. Successful applicants may reapply via continuing application for up to two additional year(s). Funding in the subsequent years will be contingent upon compliance with federal and state law, state grant-making rules, passage of sufficient appropriations for the program, and satisfactory performance in the preceding grant period. No promise or undertaking made in this NOFO/RFP is an assurance that a grant agreement will be renewed, nor does this NOFO/RFP create any right to or expectation of renewal.
Submission Date and Time:	PROPOSALS MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY BY 4:00 PM ON FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2020. <i>LATE OR SUBSTANTIVELY INCOMPLETE PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.</i>
Content and Form of Application Submission:	Proposals will be submitted electronically through IWAS. Each application must be submitted by logging into IWAS and completing an eGMS application. Instructions are located on each page of the grant application. Please submit using the Truants' Alternative and Optional Education Program (TAOEP) RFP application. Completed proposals must include completed pages in the application and all required supporting documents uploaded into the grant. If you have questions related to access to IWAS, please contact the Help Desk at (217) 558-3600 Option 3 or email to the help link below. Electronic applications will be accepted no later than 4 p.m. CDT on June 26, 2020. help@isbe.net

Grant Award Notice:	help@isbe.net It is anticipated that successful applicants will receive a Notice of Award from the State Superintendent via email approximately 90 days after the application deadline. The award letter is NOT an authorization to begin performance or expenditures. After the merit-based appeal timeframe has ended, awardees will receive additional information from the program area that includes the next steps for finalizing the grant. Monies spent prior to programmatic approval are done so at the applicant's own risk.
Technical Assistance Session:	A technical assistance session will be held via webinar at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 2020. Registration information can be found at the link below. Attendance is NOT required. https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6370047410506381067
Changes to NOFO/RFP:	ISBE will post any changes made to the NOFO/RFP prior to June 19, 2020 at the link below. Applicants are advised to check the site before submitting a proposal. https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Request-for-Proposals.aspx
Agency Contact:	For more information on this NOFO/RFP, contact Brian Houser at (217) 785-9998 or bhouser@isbe.net All questions asked concerning this NOFO/RFP will be responded to in a Frequently Asked Questions document found at the link below so that all respondents can see all questions and the responses to the questions. Changes to the FAQ will not be made after June 19, 2020. Applicants are advised to check the site before submitting a proposal. https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Special-Education-Truants-Alternative-and-Optional-Education-Program.aspx
Legislation:	Truants' Alternative and Optional Education Program Legislation (105 ILCS 5/2-3.66)
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.
Funding Opportunity Information:	2021-3695-RF Truants Alternative and Optional Education Program Request for Proposal
Fiscal Information:	Requirements for Accounting, Budgeting, Financial Reporting, and Auditing State and Federal Grant Administration Policy, Fiscal Requirements and Procedures