

**APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION**

Maryland State Department of Education  
200 West Baltimore Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Deadline  
August 28, 2023  
No later than 5:00 p.m. EDT

Operating Grant to Thread

**MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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# Instructions

1. Complete this application electronically by typing directly into the fillable fields and charts.
2. Do not alter or remove sections.
3. When finished, save the application document as a pdf to your computer and obtain appropriate signatures.
4. As a part of the completed application, submit all required attachments and supporting documentation.
5. The completed Application should be saved as a pdf and emailed to Ruth McLean-Foster at [ruth.mclean-foster2@maryland.gov](mailto:ruth.mclean-foster2@maryland.gov) by 5:00 p.m. on August 28, 2023.

# Proposal Cover Page

Program Title:

Project/Program Director:

Director Phone:

Director email:

Institution/Agency Name:

Institution/Agency Address:

Financial Contact Name:

Financial Contact email:

Grants Office Contact Name:

Grants Office Contact email:

Amount of the request for grant period (July 1, 2023 – June 24, 2024):

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Estimated Annual Cost of Program/Project and Type of Funds

Federal $

State/Local $

Other $

(Should agree with Proposed Budget)

Head of Agency Printed Name

Head of Agency Signature

# Project Narrative

## PROJECT ABSTRACT (250 WORDS)

In the Project Abstract, introduce the project to the reader. The abstract should be factual, brief, and focused on the organization’s efforts. Do not assume the reader is familiar with the proposed project. The project abstract should cover the core aspects of the proposed project, such as the populations served, a brief description of the goals, the strategies to meet them, and the roles of the partners.

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## EXTENT OF NEED - (30 POINTS)

#### Describe the conditions or needs to be addressed through the Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Grant to Thread. Describe how the Operating Grant funds will address the problem and show how those efforts are effective.

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## GOALS, MEASURABLE OUTCOMES AND MILESTONES - (20 POINTS)

State the overall goal(s) of the Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Grant to Thread. The goal(s) should address the main problem identified in the needs assessment. For each goal statement, identify objectives or anticipated outcomes to be accomplished, and milestones.

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| **Goal 1:** |
| **Outcome:** |
| **Milestone:** |

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| **Goal 2:** |
| **Outcome:** |
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| **Goal 3:** |
| **Outcome:** |
| **Milestone:** |

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## Plan of Operation, Key Personnel and Timeline - (20 Points)

The Plan of Operation includes the strategies, activities, and timeline that will be implemented to achieve your goals, outcomes, and milestones. Use the table below to address the key components of the program implementation or expansion.

| **Timeline** | **Strategies/Activities** | **Person Responsible  Partner Organization** |
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Identify key personnel responsible for the operations supported by this funding including names, titles, roles, and responsibilities relative to plan implementation.

| **Name** | **Title** | **Role & Responsibility** |
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## Evidence of Impact - (10 Points)

Evidence of impact identifies the consequences of the actions taken and the extent to which program or project goals were achieved. Evidence of impact is made clear through outcome evaluation and includes being clear about evaluation standards and identifying improvement.

Applicants must state the expected outcomes associated with this grant program by including baseline and target data using the measurable outcomes listed within this application.

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## EVALUATION AND DISSEMINATION – (10 POINTS)

Grantees are required to submit an annual evaluation report and quarterly progress reports that are consistent with the project’s goal and objective(s). Describe how the program will be evaluated and results will be communicated to major stakeholders and individuals interested in the project.

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## BUDGET AND BUDGET NARRATIVE - (10 POINTS)

Please provide a detailed description of the requested funds that will be spent by using the categories listed below. Add more rows if needed. An MSDE [Grant Budget C-125](https://www.marylandpublicschools.org/about/Documents/Grants/GrantForms-12-10-2020.xls) form must also be completed, signed, and submitted as an appendix.

**1. Salaries and Wages (list each position separately)**

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Using the space below, explain how the costs for salaries and wages above are necessary, reasonable, and cost-effective.

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**2. Contracted Services**

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**3. Supplies and Materials**

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**4. Other Charges**

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**5. Equipment**

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**6. Transfers (indirect costs)**

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Using the space below, explain how the costs for transfers (indirect costs) above are necessary, reasonable, and cost-effective.

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| Total amount requested: |

# General Education Provisions Act (GEPA)

Explain the steps the applicant will take to ensure equitable access to and participation in the project as it is related to the six (6) types of barriers described in the [GEPA](https://oese.ed.gov/gepa/) (gender, race, national origin, color, disability, and age).

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# Appendices

The following Appendices must be included in the proposal for funding, but do not apply to the page limit of the Project Narrative:

Appendix A: [A signed recipient assurances page](https://www.marylandpublicschools.org/about/Documents/Grants/GrantRecipientAssurances.pdf)

Appendix B: Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification ([W-9 Form](https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf)).

Appendix C: [An Itemized Budget Form (C-1-25)](https://www.marylandpublicschools.org/about/Pages/OFPOS/GAC/Forms.aspx)

Appendix D: A copy of the most recent Single Audit Report (only applicable to entities expending federal funds of $750,000 or more in a single fiscal year.)