DIVISION OF EARLY INTERVENTION AND SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

## MARYLAND ELEVATES GRANTS PROGRAM

MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION | Sep

September 16, 2022

MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION EQUITY AND EXCELLENCE

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### Request for Proposals – Information Session

## IDEA Competitive Grant Solicitation Non-Profit Organizations, Community-Based Partners, & Institutions of Higher Education



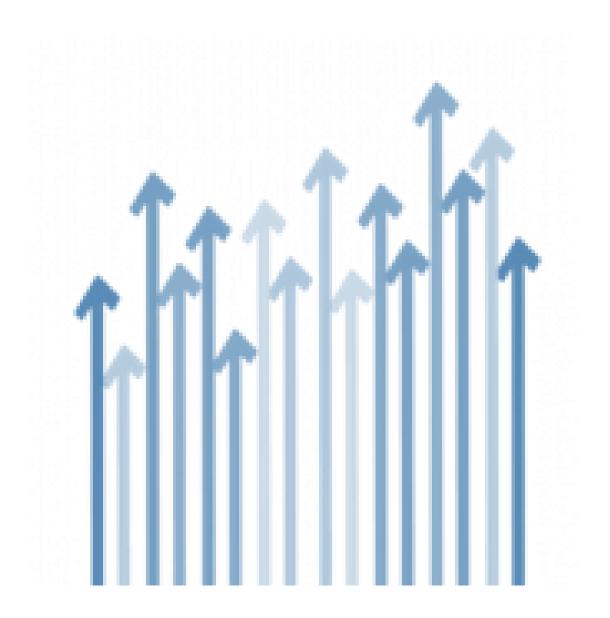
### A Universal Process for Grants Administration and Resource Development



- Development of all grants released by Maryland State Department of Education
- Uniformity across Divisions, documents, communications
- Responsive, inclusive, and impact driven
- Alignment with Maryland's Strategic
   Planning #GenerationBlueprint
- Review process that is defined by rigorous standards



# Maryland Elevates Grants Program SFY 2023





### **Elevating Success for Children and Youth** with Disabilities and their Families



# **Maryland Elevates Grants Program**



### A Competitive and Targeted Process INNOVATION – CREATIVITY – IMPACT

- ↑ Demonstrate a clear alignment to focus areas and priority needs
- ↑ Produce tangible solutions and outcomes
- Implement processes grounded in evidence-based practices that address underserved populations and use data-informed decision making
- Provide out of the box solutions for growing staff capacity, instructional leaders, and professional expertise
- A Budget in direct alignment with the proposed goals and scope of work with the promise of sustainability



### Elevating Outcomes with High-Leverage Strategies and Focused Priorities

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### Funding and Eligibility



Open to any *interested* Non-Profit Organization, Community-Based Partner, or Institution of Higher-Education (IHE)



Competitive Grants – Open to any eligible applicant



Non-Competitive Grants – Expanded investment in existing MSDE funded programs



### Early Childhood for Children with Developmental Delays and Disabilities





### High-Leverage Strategies for Children with Developmental Delays and Disabilities





### **INNOVATION - CREATIVITY - IMPACT**

Maryland Elevates – Children with Developmental Delays and Disabilities

↑ Support inclusive learning opportunities in natural and/or early childhood environments

- ↑ Mentoring, Coaching & Collaborative Planning Assistance to Community-based Providers
- ↑ Build opportunities for interprofessional collaboration and service delivery in the natural environment to grow school readiness skills: pre-literacy, numeracy and language development
- $\uparrow$  Pipeline for growing the instructional workforce
- ↑ Create replicable and scalable service delivery models to narrow achievement and opportunity gaps for children and families who have been underserved due to race/ethnicity, culture, language differences, geography, or disability in preparation for success in school
- ↑ Heighten providers' knowledge and skills related to the implementation of equitable Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) continuums



### **Secondary Transition for Youth with Disabilities**





### **High-Leverage Strategies for Secondary Transition**

### College and Career Readiness Opportunities

### Secondary Transition Planning





### **INNOVATION - CREATIVITY - IMPACT**

Maryland Elevates Secondary Transition for Youth with Disabilities

- ↑ Design a statewide pre-service and/or in-service program of study to increase teacher knowledge and skills related to implementation of highly effective transition activities and culturally responsive evidence-based practices
- ↑ Coordinate a systemic approach to matching job-seekers to employers and statewide training through a research and evidence-based transition to work for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- ↑ Create a plan to expand Maryland's CTE programs of study, work-based learning and DOL registered apprenticeships to include learners with disabilities age 16 or older
- ↑ Establish partnerships with LEAs to intensify a replicable model for youth with disabilities in middle schools and high schools to develop self-advocacy and leadership skills to achieve post-school employment, post-secondary education, and /or community independence



### Access, Equity, Progress





### **High-Leverage Strategies for Access, Equity, Progress**

Inclusive
Instruction

Building Educator Competencies Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports

Grow-Your-Own (GYO) Programs





### **INNOVATION - CREATIVITY - IMPACT**

### Maryland Elevates – Access, Equity, Progress

- ↑ Partner with an identified Local Education Agency (LEA) (via MOU) to advance and sustain safe, equitable learning environments to meet the Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) needs of adolescents with disabilities experiencing challenging behaviors in the middle and high school settings
- ↑ Develop a statewide pipeline of special educators, paraeducators & related service providers having the extensive knowledge & skills necessary to improve outcomes for students with disabilities across a continuum of service delivery models
- ↑ Partner with an LEA to create a plan for a Department of Labor (DOL) registered apprenticeship program which supports a cohort of staff members to become highly qualified special education teachers
- ↑ Create a plan to build leadership capacity via IEP Chairs micro-credentialing and/or a Special Education Leadership Academy



### **Families as Informed Partners in Special Education**

MANYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION EQUITY AND EXCELLENCE
APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION
Maryland Elevates Grant: Families as Informed Partners
Maryland State Department of Education 200 West Baltimore Street Baltimore, Maryland 21201 Deadline October 7, 2022 No later than 5:00 pm EST



### High-Leverage Strategies for Families as Informed Partners in Special Education

### Parent Training and Information Center

Customized IEP Mediation and Dispute Resolution





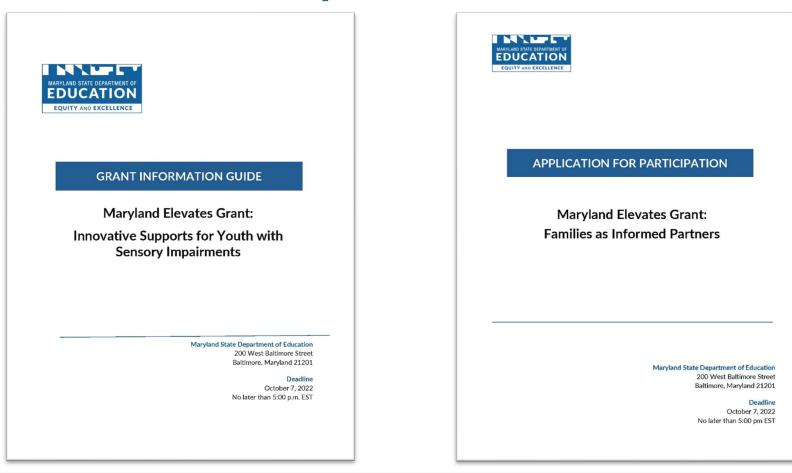
### **INNOVATION - CREATIVITY - IMPACT**

### Maryland Elevates – Families as Informed Partners in Special Education

- ↑ Establish and/or expand partnerships with national, state, and/or local entities inclusive of diverse community stakeholders to provide evidence-based learning opportunities with customized coaching to support parents as collaborative partners in early intervention and special education
- ↑ Provide evidence-based family resources and toolkits to specifically address underserved families of children with disabilities to include accessibility, alternate participation options, language barriers, communication needs, adaptable infographics, and data presented in plain text
- ↑ Expand community outreach, interactive training opportunities, and customized facilitated IEP Meetings serving families and LEA partner focused on consensus building, conflict management communication skills and solution finding for improved outcomes provided at no-cost to users
- ↑ Provide direct facilitation of dispute resolution and support to the OAH inclusive of training to legal staff related to hearing decisions and special education law <u>COMAR 09.03.12.10</u>



### Innovative Supports for Youth with Sensory Impairments





# High-Leverage Strategies for Youth with Sensory Impairments

Technical Assistance Center Building Educator Competencies Teachers of the Visually Impaired Certification Program





### **INNOVATION - CREATIVITY - IMPACT**

Maryland Elevates – Innovative Supports for Youth with Sensory Impairments

- ↑ Expand existing the federally awarded Deaf Blind Technical Assistance Center and the Maryland Technical Assistance Center for Blind/Low-vision to develop improved resources, supports, educational materials, modules and outcome for children and youth with sensory impairments
- ↑ Create a community of learning to support a cohort of special educators pursuing Maryland certification as a Teacher of the Visually Impaired with tuition assurances supporting post graduation service in the state of Maryland
- ↑ Partner with DEI/SES and LEAs to provide specialized professional learning opportunities and customized resources supporting deaf and hard of hearing students using individualized communication modes for the implementation of SDI in the least restrictive environment
- ↑ Create family friendly home routines and school readiness materials for young children with sensory loss to be shared across the state with early intervention specialists and service providers



### **Grant Submission Process**

- ✓ Determine the focus area and priority needs to be addressed
- ✓ Develop the Grant Application(s) per guidance in the applicable GIG
- ✓ Include all required Appendices including the <u>C-1-25 and Budget Detail</u> as an attachment to the Application
- ✓ Submit a signed PDF copy of the Application for each imperative/priority plan developed
- ✓ Submit no later than 5:00 PM EST on October 21, 2022, to <u>DEI-SES-grant.submission@Maryland.gov</u>



### **Grant Cover Page**

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Application Cover Page				
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### **Budget Narrative**

#### 1. Salaries & wages (list separately for each position)

Line item	Calculation	Requested	In-Kind	Total
Stipends for 3 experts for curriculum development of modules	\$2,500 * 3	\$7,500	\$O	\$7,500
1/3 Salaries and wages for 1 project manager providing oversight, data collection and coaching supports to participants	\$25,000 (1/3 of \$75,000 FTE project manager salary)	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$75,000
	\$32,500	\$50,000	\$82,500	

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

The three experts will work collectively to develop curriculum modules and related professional learning resources to provide training to build the capacity of general education and special education personnel in the implementation of specially designed instruction for SWD in the general education classroom. Target increase student proficiency in ELA and Mathematics. Hourly rate of \$75 per hour.

The project manager is responsible for oversight of grant implementation, data collection and analysis of outcomes, monitoring and reporting outcomes, plan revision, if needed and coaching supports to participants. The salary projection is based on 1/3 FTE commitment to project implementation.



### **Indirect Costs and Federal Funding**

- 76.561: Approval of indirect costs for subgrantees by the cognizant agency (Dept of Ed)
- §76.563: Restricted indirect cost rate programs covered applies to grantees with a statutory requirement of use of Federal funds to supplement not supplant
- §76.564: Restricted indirect cost rate formula
  - §76.564(c)(1): An indirect cost rate computed with formula: Restricted indirect cost rate = (General management costs + Fixed costs) ÷ (Other expenditures)
  - §76.564(c)(2): An indirect cost rate of eight percent (8%) unless the Secretary determines that the subgrantee or grantee would have a lower rate under <u>paragraph (a)</u> of this section: Restricted indirect cost rate = (General management costs + Fixed costs) ÷ (Other expenditures)



### **Budget Documents – EXCEL**

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### **The Review Process**

#### Project Abstract, and Alignment to High-Leverage Strategies (20 total points)

Exemplary	Meets Standard	Does Not Meet Standard
12-20 points	7-11 points	0-6 points
The problem and innovative solutions are supported by evidence, data analysis, and/or research related to Access, Equity, Progress. The proposal clearly states the proposed impact of the project on the aligned area(s) of need as related to students with disabilities with an emphasis on one or more high- leverage strategy.	The problem is clearly defined, and the data demonstrates a strong connection to Access, Equity, Progress. The impact on students with disabilities is present. The proposal aligns with at least one high-leverage strategy.	The problem is not clearly defined, the impact is weak, and the extent of need does not clearly align Access, Equity, Progress.

#### Goals, Objectives, and Strategies (20 total points)

Exemplary	Meets Standard	Does Not Meet Standard
12-20 points	7-11 points	0-6 points
All goals and objectives are measurable having a clear alignment with the root cause factor(s) identified. All goals and objectives clearly and consistently address appropriately align with the identified high-leverage strategies. The strategies identified explain why and how the evidence-based practices and/or strategies were selected	There are measurable goals, objectives, and strategies that relate directly to the project. Some, but not all, goals/objectives have a clear alignment with the root cause factor(s) identified. The strategies identified explain why and how the evidence- based practices and/or strategies were selected but do	Goals and objectives are not measurable and/or focused on process-driven results. Strategies are only loosely related to the goals and objectives.

- ✓ Pre-screened for submission requirements and inclusion of all required sections
- ✓ MSDE review committee, evaluates applications using the scoring rubric
- ✓ Feedback is provided to the applicant with a due date for any necessary revision and/or edits of programmatic and/or fiscal content
- ✓ Final approval for awards will be determined by the review committee



### **Questions and Technical Assistance**

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