

Promising Strategies to Enhance Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth (AEDY) Academics

Frequently Asked Questions

1. *What is the grant's overall goal?*

The purpose of this grant is to provide funding to AEDY Programs to make investments in systems and infrastructure necessary to advance Programs' readiness to engage in personalized learning strategies that will enhance academic instruction and student achievement.

2. *Who can apply for a grant?*

Any approved AEDY Program (In-House, IU, or Private Provider). This includes any program pending current approval by the PDE AEDY Team (In SharePoint or Paper Application).

3. *If an LEA sends students to an AEDY Program, can they apply for the grant?*

No. Only AEDY Programs are eligible for this grant.

4. *How do I access the application? When is the grant application due?*

The grant application and budget page are available on the AEDY webpage. Applicants must use the budget page provided and cannot create one of their own.

5. *What expenditures are permitted in the grant?*

Acceptable use of funds includes: professional development (including expenses), materials and resources to support career readiness services, parent communication resources, curricula, data collection, technology, systems design/ redesign, as well as, other expenditures that will increase academic performance or student achievement.

6. *What funding is available?*

Maximum requests are tied to the number of students served in your AEDY Program (average daily membership for the 15-16 SY and number of students returning to the AEDY Program for the 16-17 SY). The funding request must align with the activities and purchases proposed in the application.

- Up to 150 students = \$50,000 maximum
- More than 150 students = \$100,000 maximum

7. *What is the term of the grant?*

The grant period begins December 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017.

8. *What requirements must an AEDY Program meet?*

AEDY Programs receiving a grant must agree to the following:

- Completion of the Promising Strategies AEDY Grant Application and Budget Submission
- Attend the SAS Institute, December 4-6, 2016 at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, PA
 - Mandatory attendance of 1 -2 personnel at the afternoon session presented by Beatrice McGarvey on Sunday, December 4, 2016
 - Post Conference Promising Strategies Grant Event - Wednesday, December 7, 2016.
- Using funds solely for the purpose of increasing academic performance of AEDY students as outlined in the grant proposal.

9. *What supports are available during the grant period?*

- October 11, 2016, 3:00 p.m. AEDY Grant Application Webinar
 - To register for the webinar, go to Registration URL:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1575924896272898562>
Webinar ID: 440-666-643
- The PDE AEDY Team is available for assistance, please contact:
 - Jenna DeNoyelles at 717-265-7655 or via email at jdenoyelle@pa.gov.
- To download the grant application, please visit the [AEDY webpage](#).

10. *When is the grant application due:*

The application and all required documentation must be postmarked by October 28, 2016 if sending by mail or received by October 28, 2016 via email. No exceptions.

Mail applications to:

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333 Market Street – 5th Floor
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OR

Email: jdenoyelle@pa.gov and cc: dklouser@pa.gov
Subject Line MUST Include: (AEDY Program Name) and Promising Strategies to Enhance AEDY Academics

11. *When will grant recipients be notified they will receive funding?*

Grant recipients will be notified November 18 – 23, 2016

12. *How will grant recipients be notified they will receive funding?*

Grant recipients will be notified via telephone and e-mail.

13. *Will this grant be funded in future years?*

There is no indication that this grant will be funded beyond this year.