



Promising Strategies for Enhancing AEDY Academic Grant Guidelines

Grant Purpose:

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.

- **Learning is Personal:** Personalized learning recognizes that students engage in different ways and in different places. Students benefit from individually paced, targeted learning tasks that formatively assess existing skills and knowledge and that address the student's needs and interests.
- **Learning is Competency-Based:** Students move ahead when they have demonstrated mastery on content, not when they have reached a certain birthday or undergone the required hours in a classroom.
- **Learning Happens Anytime, Anywhere:** Learning takes place beyond the traditional school day and even school year. The school's walls are permeable – learning is not restricted to the classroom.
- **Students Take Ownership Over Their Learning:** Student-centered learning engages students in their own success and incorporates their interests and skills into the learning process. Students support one another's progress and celebrate success.

Funds:

The total amount of available funding for this grant is \$500,000

- 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

A budget narrative explaining the expenditures in your grant proposal must be completed and submitted with the required budget form as part of the grant application. The Budget form is posted with the grant application on the AEDY web page. Applicants are responsible for creating the narrative budget to support the budget form.

Eligibility:

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

Accountability:

Grant recipients are required to attend the 2016 SAS Institute held December 4-6, 2016 at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, PA. Mandatory attendance for 1-2 personnel is required for the following:

- A four-hour session presented by Beatrice McGarvey on Sunday, December 4, 2016.
- Post Conference Promising Strategies Grant Event - Wednesday, December 7, 2016.

Grantees will be required to submit the following:

- Invoices for advance payment and final payment.
- March 30, 2017 Progress Report via e-mail outlining progress and spending as of that date.
- Final Report via email detailing grant work completed and funds expended as of June 30, 2017.