



Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
GRANT ASSURANCES for
STRONGER CONNECTIONS GRANT
 PI-2109 Assurances (New 09-23)

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Step 1—Read each each certification and assurance that follows.
- Step 2—Sign and date the certification statement.
- Step 3—Include signed certification and assurances with the application materials.
- Step 4—Keep a copy for your records.
- Step 5—Return to the project contact that is filling out on-line grant application.

For questions regarding this grant, contact Stronger.Connections@dpi.wi.gov.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Applicant Agency	Mailing Address <i>Street, City, State, ZIP</i>
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II. OVERVIEW

The purpose of the BSCA Stronger Connections Grant is to support LEAs in establishing safe, healthy, and supportive learning opportunities and environments for students. LEAs awarded the BSCA Stronger Connections Grant must utilize these grant funds to implement comprehensive, evidence-based strategies that meet each student’s social, emotional, physical, and mental well-being needs; create positive, inclusive, and supportive school environments; and increase access to place-based interventions and services. LEAs participating in this grant will engage in local decision making and meaningful consultation with educators, staff, students, parents, families, and community members on allowable uses of funds to be used for activities that foster safe, healthy, supportive, and drug free environments and support students’ academic achievement.

For districts awarded this grant, funding is anticipated to be available for a two-year period (February 1, 2024 - September 30, 2026).

III. CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

If any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions. Submission of this statement is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

If applicant agency cannot certify this information, applicant must complete the lobbying disclosure form.

Name of Applicant Agency Authorizer	Title of Applicant Agency Authorizer
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Signature of Applicant Agency Authorizer	Date Signed <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i>
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IV. FEDERAL GENERAL ASSURANCES

The Applicant understands and agrees that the following Certifications and Assurances are pre-award requirements generally imposed by federal and state law or regulation, and do not include all federal and state regulations that may apply to the Applicant or its project. Most requirements are posted to: Uniform Administrative Requirements. <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-12-26/pdf/2013-30465.pdf> or Educational Department of General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR): <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-34/part-76> or the Wisconsin Uniform Financial Accounting Requirements (WUFAR): <https://dpi.wi.gov/sfs/finances/wufar/overview>.

Each Applicant is ultimately responsible for compliance with the certifications and assurances selected on its behalf that apply to its project or award.

1. **Applicant agrees** to comply with all terms and conditions set forth in the grant program's Application Guidelines document provided with this application. Services provided under this grant will be used to address the needs set forth in the guidelines document. Applicant agrees to implement the activities within the prescribed timeline as outlined in their work plan section of their proposal. Applicant will provide fiscal information within the fiscal year timeline established for new and reapplying programs.
2. **Statutes and Regulations:** The Applicant shall comply with all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements. These requirements include, but are not limited to, applicable provisions of—
 - a. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 [45 U.S.C. 2000d through 2000d-4]
 - b. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 [20 U.S.C. 1681-1683]
 - c. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 [29 U.S.C.794]
 - d. The Age Discrimination Act [42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.]
3. **Allowable Costs:** Costs incurred shall be allowable under the principles established in the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards; Final Rule [2 CFR Subpart E-Cost Principles].
4. **Budget Modifications:** The Applicant will obtain an approved budget amendment when it is anticipated that claimed expenditures will vary significantly from the amount in the current approved budget. A significant variance is an increase of 10 percent (summary of all line items) of the current total approved budget [2 CFR § 200.308(f)]. This applies to all grants unless there are more restrictive or specific requirements of the grant award which may be the case with discretionary grants.
5. **Confidentiality:** The Applicant shall comply with provisions regarding confidentiality of student information [WI Statute § 118.125, pupil records].
6. **Conflict of Interest:** No board or staff member of an LEA or CESA may use his or her position to obtain financial gain or anything of substantial value for the private benefit of himself or herself or his or her immediate family, or for an organization with which he or she is associated, such as a royalty, commission, contingent fee, brokerage fee, consultant fee, or other benefit [Wis. Stat. 19.59 (1) (a)] [2 CFR § 200.112].
7. **Contracts and Procurement:** The Applicant will use its own procurement procedures that reflect applicable state and local laws and regulations, provided the procurements conform to applicable federal law and the standards in [2 CFR §§ 200.318-200.327] Procurement Standards.
8. **Debarred and Suspended Parties:** A contract (see 2 CFR §180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the government wide Excluded Parties List System in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR Part 1986 Comp., p 189) and 12689 (3 CFR Part 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." The Excluded Parties List in SAM contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.
9. **Cooperation with Evaluation:** The Applicant shall cooperate with the performance of any evaluation of the program by the WDPI or USDE of by their contractors [2 CFR §200.329(1)].
10. **Copyright, Acknowledgement, and Publications:** The Applicant/Recipient will comply with all copyright and materials acknowledgment requirements as addressed in the projects' grant guidelines. The U.S. Department of Education and the WDPI reserve royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable licenses to reproduce, publish or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use, for their purposes. The copyright in any work developed under this subgrant or contract under this subgrant; and any rights of copyright to which the Applicant or a contractor purchases ownership with grant support. The content of any grant-funded publication or product may be reprinted in whole or in part, with credit to the USDE and WDPI acknowledged. However, reproduction of this product in whole or in part for resale must be authorized by the WDPI. When issuing statements, press releases, and other documents describing projects or programs funded in whole or in part with federal grant funds, the grant award recipient shall clearly acknowledge the receipt of federal funds in a statement.
11. **Fiscal Control:** The Applicant will use fiscal control and fund accounting procedures and will ensure proper disbursement of, and accounting for, federal funds received and distributed under this program [2 CFR §200.302 (a), (1), (3); §200.302]
12. **Indirect Costs:** If the fiscal agent intends to claim indirect costs, the total amount budgeted for indirect costs is limited to and cannot exceed the negotiated indirect rate established with the WDPI. Indirect costs cannot be charged against capital objects.
13. **Legal and Regulatory Compliance:** Administration of the program, activities, and services covered by this application will be in accordance with all applicable state and federal statutes, regulations and the approved application [34 CFR §76.700].
14. **OMB Standard Form 424B:** The Applicant will comply with all applicable assurances in OMB standard Form 424B (Assurances for Non-Construction Programs), including the assurances relating to the legal authority to apply for assistance; access to records; conflict of interest; merit systems; nondiscrimination; Hatch Act provisions; labor standards; flood insurance; environmental standards wild and scenic river systems; historic preservation; protection of human subjects; animal welfare; lead-based paint; Single Audit Act; and general agreement to comply with all applicable federal laws, executive orders and regulations. <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/forms/sf-424-family.html#sortBy=1>
15. **Programmatic Changes:** The Applicant will obtain the prior approval of the WDPI whenever any of the following actions is anticipated:
 - a. Any revision of the scope or objectives of the project;
 - b. Changes in key persons where specified in the application or grant award;
 - c. A disengagement from the project for more than three months, or a 25 percent reduction in time devoted to the project, by the approved project director;
 - d. Contracting out or otherwise obtaining services of a third party to perform activities central to the purpose of the award;
 - e. Changes in the amount of approved cost-sharing or matching provided by the subrecipient [2 CFR §200.308 (1,2,3,6,7)].
16. **Record Retention:** In accordance with 2 CFR §200.334(b), this is written notification to the subrecipient that WDPI requires an extension to the record retention period for grants addressed in the *Wisconsin Records Retention Schedule for School Districts*. <https://publicrecordsboard.wi.gov/Documents/DPI%20GS-APPROVED%20June%202015%20v8.1.pdf> All applicants will ensure records are maintained for a period of at least three years after the end of the project year (2 CFR §200.334). If any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit, or other action involving the records starts before the end of the period, the records will be retained until completion of the action and resolution of all issues.
17. **Reporting:** The Applicant will ensure all required financial and program data is reported to the WDPI timely on a schedule established by the WDPI. The Applicant will report to WDPI using the accounts in the

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- Wisconsin Uniform Financial Accounting Requirements (WUFAR) [2 CFR §200.302(b)(2)].
18. Grant Evaluation: The Applicant shall ensure that all grant evaluation reporting will be timely on a schedule established by the WDPI. Grant evaluation information provided to the WDPI staff shall accurately assess the completeness of grant goals, activities, benchmarks and target dates [2 CFR §300.329].
 19. Single Audit: Any entity that expends in total (all sources) \$750,000 or more in federal funds during a fiscal year (July 1–June 30) is required to conduct a single audit. If a single audit is required, a copy of the audit is to be submitted to DPI School Financial Services auditor [2 CFR §200.501].
 20. Text Messaging and E-Mailing While Driving: The Applicant/ Recipient and their grant personnel are prohibited from text messaging while driving a government-owned vehicle, or while driving their own privately owned vehicle during official grant business, or from using government supplied electronic equipment to text message or e-mail when driving [Executive Order 13513, "Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving October 1, 2009]. <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2009-10-06/pdf/E9-24203.pdf>
 21. Time and Effort Supporting Documentation: For costs to be allowable, compensation for personal services must adhere to the Standards for Documentation of Personnel Expenses as identified in 2 CFR §200.430(i)(1). The subrecipient must retain records that accurately reflect the work performed and be supported by a system of internal control which provides reasonable assurance that the charges are accurate, allowable, and properly allocated.
 22. Trafficking in Persons: The grant condition specified in 2 CFR §175.10 includes the following language: "I. Trafficking in persons. 1. You as the recipient, your employees, subrecipients under this award, and subrecipients' employees may not i. Engage in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect; ii. Procure a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect; or iii. Use forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award." A sub-recipient is required to inform the federal agency immediately of any information received from any source alleging a violation of this condition. The federal agency may unilaterally terminate this award, without penalty, if a subrecipient is determined to have violated this condition.

V. PROGRAM SPECIFIC ASSURANCES

Each LEA receiving a subgrant under the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BSA): Stronger Connections Grant will:

- (1) provide equitable services to students and teachers in non-public schools as required under ESEA section 8501.
 - (a) [PI-9580-AC](#) - The LEA shall save the completed and signed form as a PDF and keep it on file at the LEA and may be reviewed by DPI.
- (2) allocate funds toward activities allowable under ESEA Section 4108
- (3) Develop and implement the application through ongoing consultation with stakeholders under ESEA Section 4106
- (4) Use BSA funds to administer and support evidence-based practices.

VI. CERTIFICATION/SIGNATURE

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, CERTIFY that the information contained in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge; that the necessary assurances of compliance with applicable state and federal statutes, rules, and regulations will be met; that I am authorized by the agency designated in this application to bind the agency to the certifications and assurances contained in this application; and, that the indicated agency designated in this application is authorized to administer this grant.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that the assurances listed above have been satisfied and that all facts, figures, and representation in this application are correct to the best of my knowledge.

Name of Applicant Agency Authorizer <i>First and Last Name</i>	Title of Applicant Agency Authorizer	
Signature of Applicant Agency Authorizer ➤	Date Signed <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i>	

	VII. EQUITABLE SERVICES FOR PRIVATE SCHOOLS	
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Eligible high needs LEAs must provide meaningful and ongoing consultation with private schools located within the district boundaries. LEAs must collect a [Stronger Connections Affirmation of Consultation](#) with Private School Officials form for each private school within the LEA boundaries, if applicable. This form indicates whether the private school would like to participate and if yes, summarizes the needs of that private school for inclusion in the application. While these forms will not be collected as part of the application submission, LEAs must certify that this process occurred, list participating private schools, and summarize the needs identified during consultation.

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, CERTIFY that there are no private schools within the boundaries of the LEA.

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, CERTIFY that all private schools within the boundaries of the LEA have been consulted regarding the Stronger Connections Grant and the LEA has a signature from each private school indicating whether they choose to participate in the Stronger Connections grant. For those private schools electing to participate, the needs of each private school are summarized on the equitable services affirmation of consultation form housed with the LEA and the needs are represented in the grant application.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that the following private schools have elected to participate in the Stronger Connections Grant Program should the LEA be awarded funds. List Participating Private Schools Here:

Summarize the needs identified by the private school(s) here:

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