Transition Readiness Grant 2022-2023 School Year

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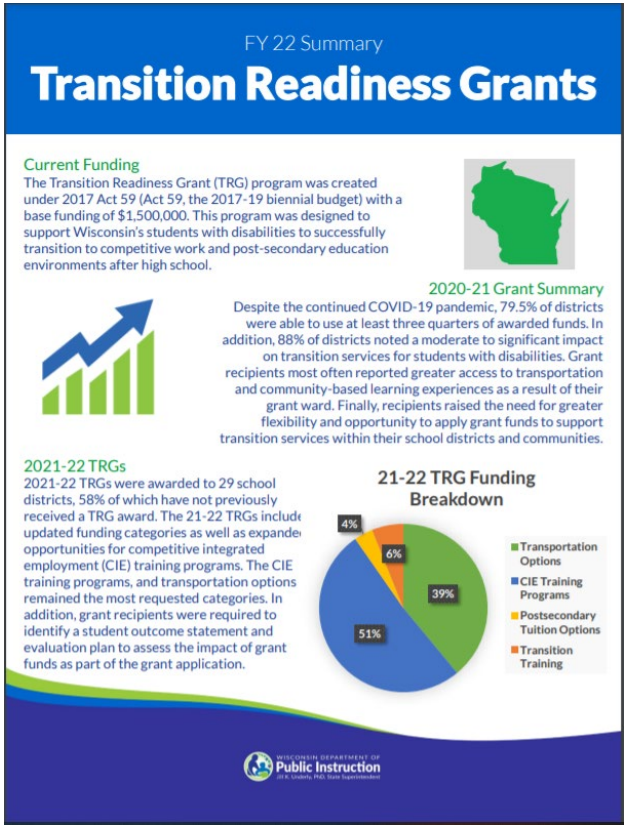
Objectives

1. Review the Transition Readiness Grant (TRG) program features and future plans for the fund
2. Provide guidance for completing the application and budget/claim process
3. Answer questions

Webinar will be recorded and posted on the TRG web page

Transition Readiness Grant Program

- **Established under 2017 Act 59 to support successful transitions to work and postsecondary environments for Wisconsin's Youth with IEPs.**
- **Competitive grant with an annual allocation of $1.5million through the 2021-2023 biennial state budget.**
- **Grant program is reviewed for changes every two years in alignment with allocation in state budget.**



2022-2023 Grant Program

- $1.5 Million total fund to support evidence based transition practices
- Application will be released February 21, 2022
- Applications due April 28, 2022
- No changes to the Statewide Universal Grant application

Funding and Eligibility

- Grants awards must be between $25,000.00 - $100,000.00
- All public school districts, 2x, and 2r charters with a secondary population
- 4 categories of evidence based practices

Practice Priority Statement Options	Award Funding Available
Transportation Options	Three funding options available per grant award. $ Select One
Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) Training Programs	$10,000/student
Post-Secondary Tuition/Supports for Students	$1,000/student
Transition Training for Staff Members *Must be aligned to the root cause statement(s).	$1,000/staff member

Allowable Costs

Award Option	Award Funding Available	Example Allowable Costs
Transportation Options	3 funding options per grant award: $5,000 , $10,000, or $25,000	Vehicle purchase, Contract with taxi company, bus service

Allowable Costs

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Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) Training Programs	$10,000/student	• Project SEARCH tuition and supports • WTCS job training programs tuition and supports • Youth Apprenticeship programs • Private/CESA based job programs that meet the definition of CIE as defined by WIOA

Allowable Costs

Award Option	Award Funding Available	Example Allowable Costs
Postsecondary Tuition and Supports	$1,000 per student	Course tuition, textbook/materials costs, field trips for college visits

Allowable Costs

Award Option	Award Funding Available	Example Allowable Costs
Transition Training for Staff Members *Training must be aligned to root cause identified in grant application.	$1,000 per staff member	• UW Whitewater or UW Milwaukee program • TIG Training for Paraprofessionals • TIG/UWW PTP Online Course • National Dropout Prevention Center Conference • Division on Career Development and Transition Conference

Funds Acquisition Process

- Funds awarded under this grant program will need to be expended between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023.
- Grant recipients will need to expend the funds and then claim for reimbursement.
- Grant recipients should claim at least two times per year via the Program Fiscal Report (PI-1086).

Fiscal Implications

- **The Transition Readiness Grants**
  - **all expenditures are recorded as Project 451, Fund 27. Revenue is recorded as Source 630, Fund 27**
  - **will not increase the LEA's local MOE level.**
  - **revenue received should offset any expenditures coded to this new state grant project code and thus would not impact the LEA's Fund 10 to Fund 27 transfer.**

Break for Questions

Universal Grant Application

- **22-23 grant program again uses the department wide universal grant application.**
- **Application will ask applicants to:**
  - Review data to identify priorities
  - Identify how grant funds will impact priorities and adult practices
  - Create a plan for evaluating and sustaining services created by having access to a grant award.
- **Applicants will select grant proposal from four evidenced based funding categories.**

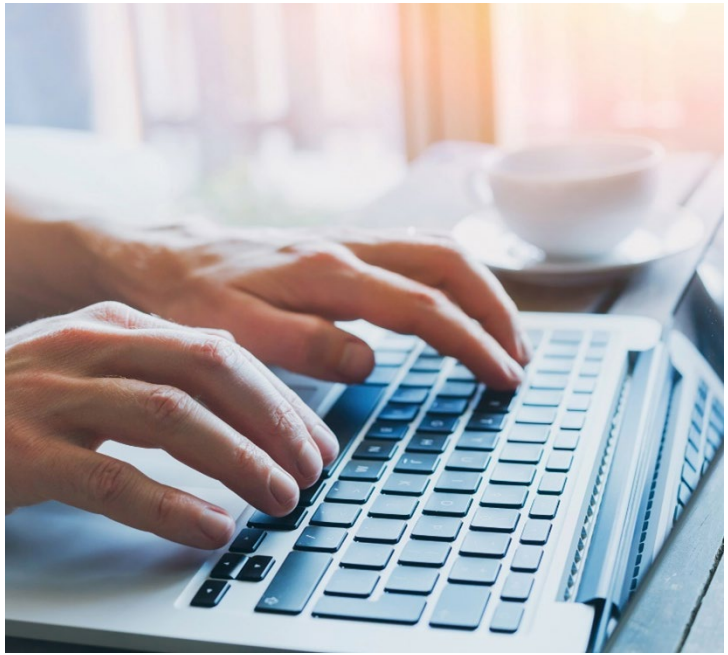
Completing the Application

- **Application due 11:59pm on April 28, 2022.**
- **Email a fillable PDF to Carolyn.Kiefer@dpi.wi.gov.**

  Download the application using Adobe Acrobat
- **Consortiums of districts can apply together**
- **Electronic signatures are accepted**
- **Incomplete applications will not be considered**

Completing the Application

- Grant Guidelines
- Scoring Rubric
- Application Data Analysis Resources
  - Indicator 1 & 2 Data Analysis Guidance
  - Indicator 14 Data Analysis Guidance
  - TRG Data Analysis Slide Deck



Scoring Process

- Districts who have previously NOT received a TRG award will be prioritized.
- Grant scoring team will also consider sustainability of services for those districts who have previously received grant awards.
- All districts will remain eligible for awards regardless of the status of the scoring components.
- Scoring will take place between May 1st and June 1st. Grant award letters will be sent electronically on or near July 1, 2022.

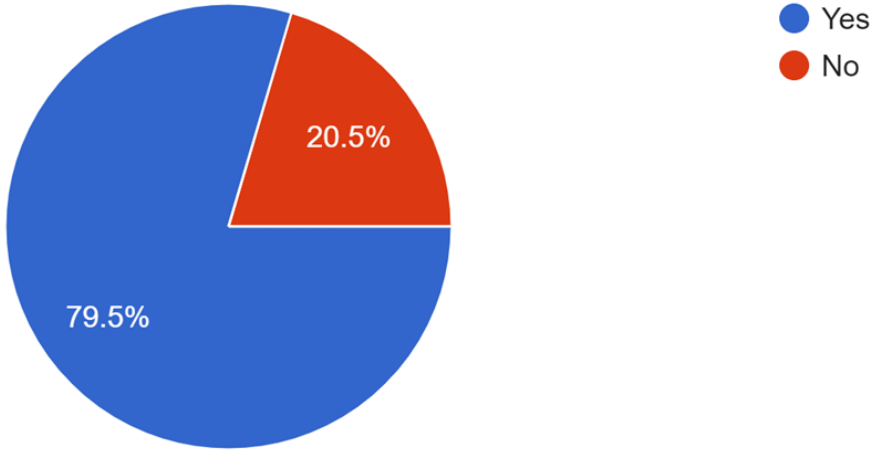
General Requirements (For all recipients)

Grant recipients will be required to submit a grant summary via Google form evaluating the impact of the grant funds on the root cause statement(s) submitted in the grant application. This form will be provided by a DPI staff member in May 2023 and will be required to be submitted no later than June 30, 2023.

20-21 Grant Impact

By June 30, 2021, will your district have utilized at least 75% of awarded funds in the 2020-21 school year?

44 responses



20-21 Grant Impact

Rate the impact of TRG funds in the 20-21 school year.

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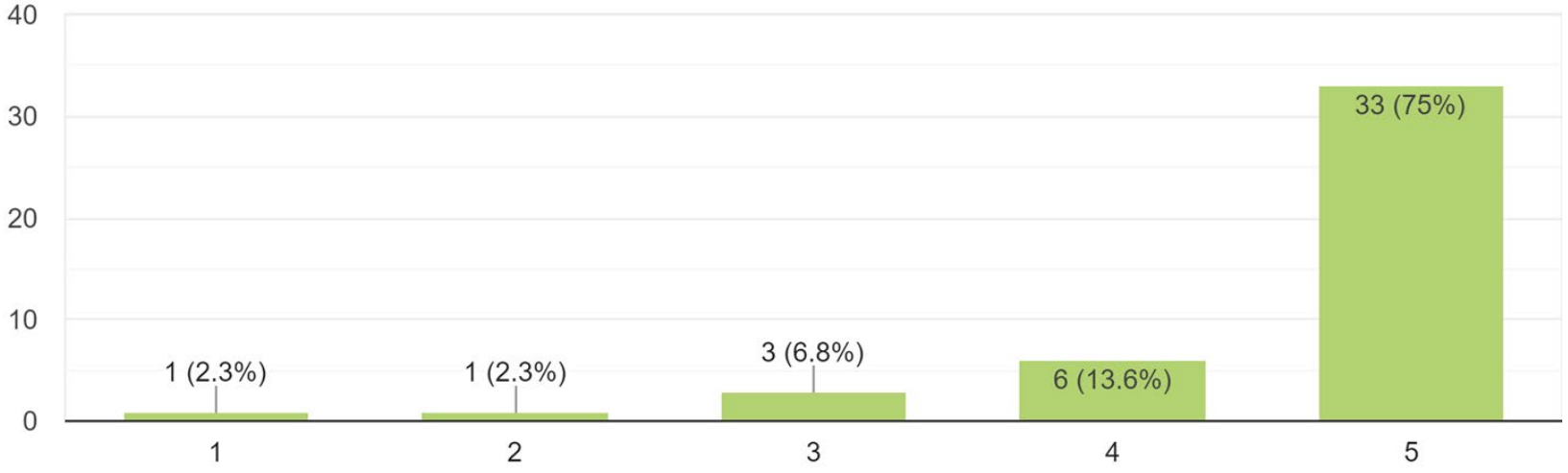

20-21 Grant Impact

Highest Impact	Lowest Impact
• Funds allowed students to access postsecondary learning • Reliable access to transportation • Transportation to community employment • Covered costs for driver's education, behind the wheel training and assessments • Built new community partnerships	• COVID staffing shortages restricted access to training • COVID response planning took priority over grant activities • Vehicle microchip shortage limited or delayed purchases

Questions

We will now answer questions that you have about completing and submitting the application, or the grant program itself.

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Thank you!

Recording and presentation will be posted at: https://dpi.wi.gov/sped/topics/transition/transition-readiness-grants.

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