

CHAPTER 124C

GRANTS FOR EDUCATION

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124C.08 COMPREHENSIVE ARTS PLANNING PROGRAM SITES.

Subdivision 1. **Funding.** Each site shall receive \$1,250 each year for two years. If fewer than 30 sites are selected, each site shall receive an additional proportionate share of money appropriated and not used. Before receiving money for the second year, a long-range plan for arts education must be submitted to the Minnesota center for arts education.

Subd. 2. **Criteria.** The center, in consultation with the comprehensive arts planning program state steering committee, shall establish criteria for site selection. Criteria shall include at least the following:

(1) a willingness by the district or group of districts to designate a program chair for comprehensive arts planning with sufficient authority to implement the program;

(2) a willingness by the district or group of districts to create a committee comprised of school district and community people whose function is to promote comprehensive arts education in the district;

(3) commitment on the part of committee members to participate in training offered by the department of education;

(4) a commitment of the committee to conduct a needs assessment of arts education;

(5) commitment by the committee to evaluating its involvement in the program;

(6) a willingness by the district to adopt a long-range plan for arts education in the district;

(7) no previous involvement of the district in the comprehensive arts planning program, unless that district has joined a new group of districts; and

(8) location of the district or group of districts to assure representation of urban, suburban, and rural districts and distribution of sites throughout the state.

[For text of subs 3 and 4, see M.S.1992]

History: 1993 c 224 art 11 s 2,3

124C.09 DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBILITY.

The Minnesota center for arts education, in cooperation with the Minnesota alliance for arts in education and the Minnesota state arts board shall provide materials, training, and assistance to the arts education committees in the school districts. The center may contract with the Minnesota alliance for arts in education for its involvement in providing services, including staff assistance, to the program.

History: 1993 c 224 art 11 s 4

124C.46 CENTER PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.

Subdivision 1. **Program focus.** The programs and services of a center must focus on academic and learning skills, trade and vocational skills, work-based learning opportunities, work experience, youth service to the community, and transition services.

[For text of subs 2 to 4, see M.S.1992]

History: 1993 c 146 art 5 s 16

124C.60 CAPITAL FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT GRANTS FOR COOPERATION AND COMBINATION.

Subdivision 1. **Eligibility.** Two or more districts that have a cooperation and combination plan approved by the state board of education under section 122.242, may apply for a grant of up to \$100,000 under this section. The grant must be awarded after the districts combine according to sections 122.241 to 122.248.

Subd. 2. **Procedures.** The state board shall establish procedures and deadlines for the grant application. The state board shall review each application and may require modifications consistent with sections 122.241 to 122.248.

Subd. 3. **Use of grant money.** The grant money may be used for any capital expenditures specified in section 124.243 or 122.244.

History: 1993 c 224 art 5 s 36

124C.62 [Renumbered 144.1464]**SCHOOL BUILDING ACCESSIBILITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANT ACT****124C.71 SCHOOL BUILDING ACCESSIBILITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANT ACT.**

Sections 124C.71 to 124C.73 may be cited as the "school building accessibility capital improvement grant act."

History: 1993 c 373 s 20

124C.72 APPROVAL; APPLICATION FORMS.

Subdivision 1. **Approval by commissioner.** The commissioner of education may approve or disapprove applications under section 124C.73. The grant money must be used only to remove architectural barriers from a building or site.

Subd. 2. **Application forms.** The commissioner of education shall prepare application forms and establish application dates.

Subd. 3. **Match.** A district applying for a grant under this section must match the grant with local district funds.

History: 1993 c 373 s 21

124C.73 GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS.

Subdivision 1. **Qualification.** A school district that meets the criteria required under subdivision 2 may apply for a grant in an amount up to 50 percent of the approved costs of removing architectural barriers from a building or site.

Subd. 2. **Project review.** The commissioner, in consultation with the Minnesota state council on disability, shall review applications for grants. A school district must apply by July 1 of each year in order to be considered for a grant.

Subd. 3. **Award of grants.** (a) The commissioner shall examine and consider all applications for grants, and if a district is found not qualified, the commissioner shall promptly notify the district board. The commissioner shall give first priority to school districts that have entered into the cooperation and combination process under sections 122.241 to 122.248, or that have consolidated since January 1, 1987. The commissioner shall further prioritize grants on the basis of the following: the district's tax burden, the long-term feasibility of the project, the suitability of the project, and the district's need for the project. If the total amount of the applications exceeds the amount that is or can be made available, the commissioner shall award grants according to the commissioner's judgment and discretion and based upon a ranking of the projects according to the factors listed in this paragraph. The commissioner shall promptly certify to each district the amount, if any, of the grant awarded to it.

(b) For fiscal year 1994, the commissioner may develop criteria in addition to the factors listed in paragraph (a), in order to award demonstration grants.

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Subd. 4. **Matching revenue.** Upon being awarded a grant under subdivision 3, the board shall determine the need for additional revenue. If the board determines that the local match cannot be made from existing revenue, the board may levy according to section 124.84.

Subd. 5. **Project budget.** A district that receives a grant must provide the commissioner with the project budget and any other information the commissioner requests.

History: 1993 c 373 s 22