

CHAPTER 124C

GRANTS FOR EDUCATION

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124C.45 AREA LEARNING CENTER ORGANIZATION.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1996]

Subd. 1a. **Reserve revenue.** Each school district that is a member of an area learning center must reserve revenue in an amount equal to at least 90 percent of the district average general education revenue less compensatory revenue unit times the number of pupil units attending an area learning center program under this section. The amount of reserved revenue under this subdivision may only be spent on program costs associated with the area learning center. Compensatory revenue must be allocated according to section 124A.28, subdivision 1a.

[For text of subds 2 and 3, see M.S.1996]

History: *1Sp1997 c 4 art 2 s 32*

124C.46 CENTER PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.

Subdivision 1. **Program focus.** The programs and services of a center must focus on academic and learning skills, applied learning opportunities, trade and vocational skills, work-based learning opportunities, work experience, youth service to the community, and transition services. Applied learning, work-based learning, and service learning may best be developed in collaboration with a local education and transitions partnership. In addition to offering programs, the center shall coordinate the use of other available educational services, social services, health services, and post-secondary institutions in the community and services area.

Subd. 2. **People to be served.** A center shall provide programs for secondary pupils and adults. A center may also provide programs and services for elementary and secondary pupils who are not attending the center to assist them in being successful in school. Pupils eligible to be served are those age five to adults 21 and older who qualify under the graduation incentives program in section 126.22, subdivision 2.

[For text of subds 3 and 4, see M.S.1996]

History: *1Sp1997 c 4 art 3 s 17; art 6 s 14*

124C.498 METROPOLITAN MAGNET SCHOOL GRANTS.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1996]

Subd. 2. **Approval authority; application forms.** To the extent money is available, the commissioner of children, families, and learning may approve projects from applications submitted under this section. The grant money must be used only to design, acquire, construct, remodel, improve, furnish, or equip the building or site of a magnet school facility according to contracts entered into within 24 months after the date on which a grant is awarded.

Subd. 3. **Grant application process.** (a) Any group of school districts that meets the criteria required under paragraph (b)(i) may apply for a magnet school grant in an amount not to exceed \$15,000,000 for the approved costs or expansion of a magnet school facility.

(b)(i) Any group of districts that submits an application for a grant shall submit a proposal to the commissioner for review and comment under section 121.15, and the commissioner shall prepare a review and comment on the proposed magnet school facility, regard-

less of the amount of the capital expenditure required to design, acquire, construct, remodel, improve, furnish, or equip the facility. The commissioner must not approve an application for a magnet school grant for any facility unless the facility receives a favorable review and comment under section 121.15 and the participating districts:

(1) establish a joint powers board under section 471.59 to represent all participating districts and govern the magnet school facility;

(2) design the planned magnet school facility to meet the applicable requirements contained in Minnesota Rules, chapter 3535;

(3) submit a statement of need, including reasons why the magnet school will facilitate integration and improve learning;

(4) prepare an educational plan that includes input from both community and professional staff; and

(5) develop an education program that will improve learning opportunities for students attending the magnet school.

(ii) The districts may develop a plan that permits social service, health, and other programs serving students and community residents to be located within the magnet school facility. The commissioner shall consider this plan when preparing a review and comment on the proposed facility.

(c) When two or more districts enter into an agreement establishing a joint powers board to govern the magnet school facility, all member districts shall have the same powers.

(d) A joint powers board of participating school districts established under paragraphs (b) and (c) that intends to apply for a grant shall adopt a resolution stating the costs of the proposed project, the purpose for which the debt is to be incurred, and an estimate of the dates when the contracts for the proposed project will be completed. A copy of the resolution must accompany any application for a state grant under this section.

(e)(i) The commissioner shall examine and consider all grant applications. If the commissioner finds that any joint powers district is not a qualified grant applicant, the commissioner shall promptly notify that joint powers board. The commissioner shall make awards to no more than two qualified applicants whose applications have been on file with the commissioner more than 30 days.

(ii) A grant award is subject to verification by the joint powers board under paragraph (f). A grant award must not be made until the participating districts determine the site of the magnet school facility. If the total amount of the approved applications exceeds the amount of grant funding that is or can be made available, the commissioner shall allot the available amount equally between the approved applicant districts. The commissioner shall promptly certify to each qualified joint powers board the amount, if any, of the grant awarded to it.

(f) Each grant must be evidenced by a contract between the joint powers board and the state acting through the commissioner. The contract obligates the state to pay to the joint powers board an amount computed according to paragraph (e)(ii) and a schedule, and terms and conditions acceptable to the commissioner of finance.

History: 1Sp1997 c 4 art 2 s 33; art 7 s 7

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

Subdivision 1. Eligibility. Two or more districts that have consolidated under section 122.23 or combined under sections 122.241 to 122.248, are eligible for a capital facilities grant of up to \$200,000 for fiscal year 1995 and \$100,000 thereafter under this section. To qualify the following criteria must be met:

(1) the proposed facility changes are part of the plan according to section 122.242, subdivision 10;

(2) the changes proposed to a facility must be needed to accommodate changes in the educational program due to the reorganization;

(3) the utilization of the facility for educational programs is at least 85 percent of capacity; and

(4) the grant will be used only to remodel or improve existing facilities.

[For text of subd 2, see M.S.1996]

Subd. 3. **Use of grant money.** The grant money may be used for any capital expenditures specified in section 124A.22, subdivision 11, clauses (4), (6), (7), (8), (9), and (10).

History: 1997 c 7 art 1 s 68,69