

The American Recovery and
Reinvestment Act
Title IID Technology
Competitive Grants Program
(Fund Code: 776)

Technical Assistance Workshops

Intended Outcomes for Today

Participants will leave the meeting with:

1. An understanding of the guiding principles for ARRA grants
2. An understanding of the ARRA Title IID Technology Competitive Grants (Fund Code: 776)
3. An understanding of the grant's 4 priorities
4. An understanding of the grant application process
5. Clarification of the requirements of the program
6. Ideas and strategies for enhancing the impact of ARRA Title IID funds
7. Possible partnerships with high-need districts and organizations

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introduction
2. Overview of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
3. ARRA Title IID Competitive Grants Priorities

BREAK

4. ARRA Title IID Competitive Grants Requirements
5. Structure of Grant Application - Electronic Workbook
6. Online Submission - Drop Box

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

An Historic Opportunity



- *More than \$1.3 billion for Massachusetts to stimulate the economy and improve education*
- *Successful use of the funds depends on our effective leadership, judgment, coordination and communication*

ARRA Grants for Massachusetts

funding is for FY10 and FY11

- **Early Education and Care**
 - Child Care \$24.0 M
 - Pre-school special education \$10.1 M
- **Elementary and Secondary**
 - IDEA \$280.5 M
 - Title I \$163.4 M
 - **Title IID \$10.5 M**
 - School Improvement \$40.0 M (est.)
 - McKinney-Vento Homeless \$1.0 M
 - National School Lunch \$1.4 M
 - Emergency Food Assistance \$2.1 M
- **ESE and Department of Higher Education**
 - Stabilization \$813.3 M*
 - Governor intends to use \$168M of stabilization funds and House I to ensure all districts reach foundation



Guiding Principles

1. Spend funds quickly to save and create jobs
2. Thoughtfully invest one-time funds to avoid the “funding cliff”
3. Ensure transparency and accountability
4. Advance effective reforms

Guiding Principle

Advance Effective Reforms

- Educator Quality and Effectiveness
- Support and Intervention
- Assessment and Data Systems
- College and Career Readiness

Purpose for the ARRA Title IID Competitive Grants (Fund Code: 776)

- To improve student achievement through the effective use of technology in elementary and secondary schools
- To support proposals that create robust, technology-infused environments (e.g. high speed broadband connections, up-to-date computers) that sustain 4 priority areas

ARRA Title IID Technology Competitive Grants Priority 1

Projects that work collaboratively with the Department to create, implement, and evaluate **online courses/modules for underserved high school students** in alternative education, credit recovery, or credit acceleration programs

Presenter: Jenny Caldwell Curtin

ARRA Title IID Technology Competitive Grants Priority 2

Projects that create effective technology-rich environments that support existing **tiered-instruction** in English language arts and mathematics

Presenter: Carol Lach

ARRA Title IID Technology Competitive Grants Priority 3

Projects in which the grant recipients will work collaboratively with the Department's partners or other research-based successful models to provide online professional development so that teachers will integrate technology in their classrooms and provide the Department with promising practices

Presenter: Connie Louie

ARRA Title IID Technology Competitive Grants Priority 4

Projects that use appropriate technology effectively to implement formative, benchmark, and/or summative assessments for MEPA, particularly in schools that have high number of ELL students.

Presenter: Connie Louie

BREAK NETWORKING



ARRA Title IID Competitive Grants Requirements

- Eligibility - high-need district or partnership with a [high-need district](#)
- Approved tech plan
- CIPA compliance
- 25% professional development
- 10% evaluation, consolidated RFR(s) through the Department
- Quarterly reports to US DOE if funded

Grant Application Structure

Electronic Workbook

(Format like ARRA Title I and IDEA grants)

<http://finance1.doe.mass.edu/Grants/grants10/rfp/doc/776.xls>

Online Submission

Security Portal

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Questions and Answers

THANK YOU!