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| **Name of Grant Program:** SOA Rural Innovation and Efficiencies | **Fund Code:** 123  |

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| PART III – REQUIRED PROGRAM INFORMATION |

Please complete the fields below.

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| **GENERAL INFORMATION** |  |  |
| **Amount Requested:** | **FY22** | **FY23** |
| $ | $ |
| **Applicant Name (Lead District/Fiscal Agent):** |  |
| **Number of students to be served:** |  |  |  |
| **Participating districts and partnering entities:** |  |
| **Program Coordinator (Name, Title, Email, Phone)** |  |

**Instructions:** Please provide a description of the proposed program. In your description, please include the following information:

1. **Program Focus:** Please describe the areas of efficiencies and/or program quality that you will be targeting for improvement, including any student groups or program areas that are being targeted, the need being addressed, the importance of this project, and why you have prioritized these areas.

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1. **Program Design:** Describe the overall program design, including:
	1. any partnerships across eligible districts and other entities;
	2. collaboration process and management plans that allow for successful implementation of strategies;
	3. roles of stakeholders (i.e., educators, providers, and students/families);
	4. the planning and implementation processes (e.g., systems, strategies, negotiations);
	5. any professional development that will be provided; and
	6. how this initiative will be coherent with current district/school strategic plans.

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1. **Instructional Quality:** Describe any ways that this initiative will implement, deepen, or extend coherent evidence-based programs, will expand use of high-quality instructional materials, and/or other ways this initiative will directly or indirectly improve student instruction.

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1. **Equity:** Describe any ways that the program is expected to close gaps in achievement of identified student groups, particularly with regard to historically underserved groups (e.g., low-income, English Learners, students with disabilities, and racial/ethnic groups), enhance culturally responsive instruction, reduce systemic racial biases, increase student agency and engagement, and/or enhance family engagement, especially among families of student groups with achievement gaps.

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1. **Commitment:** Describe the staffing and administrative support for the proposed program, including district/school administrator commitment to the program.

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1. **Outcomes:** Describe the outcome expectations you have, including the formative and summative metrics, implementation benchmarks, and interim results you plan to use to monitor and measure progress toward these outcomes as well as the process you will have in place to make midcourse adjustments.

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1. **Timeline and Budget:** Please provide an activity timeline that aligns with your budget for the implementation of these changes, including any cost sharing partnerships and any other sources of funding to be directed toward this initiative, elaboration on budget items and how they connect to the program priorities, as well as plans for sustainability after the grant has ended.

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