**FC467: Expansion Grant**

The purpose of this competitive targeted grant is to provide significant planning and support resources to currently Designated Early College programs to significantly increase the scale of their programs and in turn the number of underrepresented students accessing postsecondary education in Massachusetts. This planning grant will be followed by additional funding opportunities for implementation in FY23 and FY24 through ESSR funds.

For this grant opportunity, programs will commit to significantly and thoughtfully expanding the current scale of their program, with a typical expectation of on-ramping to a minimum of 25% of each grade level being served by FY24. Either the district/K-12 institution or institution of higher education (IHE) partner can serve as the lead education agency and the resources provided are intended to support both partners in building capacity for expansion of the number of Early College students to be served by FY24. Each awardee will also receive support through a part-time Early College coach secured through DESE who will assist with developing planning outcomes and an implementation plan. Plans will be due by end of FY22.

**Part III**

**Questions**

1. Please describe your partnership’s interest and motivation in applying to the Early College Expansion Grant. Ensure your response aligns with the mission of the [MA Early College Program and the related Guiding Principles](https://www.doe.mass.edu/ccte/early-college/companion-2021.pdf). Your response should include the overall vision for the redesigned Early College program once it has reached scale and should address the areas of potential change you have identified.
2. Please describe how this program plans to increase outreach, recruitment, and enrollment of students, significantly increasing access and equity for students who have faced systemic barriers to higher education and increasing the college going rates for those students.

1. In addition to financial resources, grant recipients will be provided with coaching and support in the planning to significantly expand their program. Identify potential challenges in planning and implementing this expansion and the ways in which a coach can support your program in this process.
2. Please provide a preliminary description of the physical and logistical challenges and opportunities related to expanding your Designated program (i.e. physical space, transportation, course taking and resources).
3. Applicants are required to submit a completed template budget for this competitive grant funding. Please describe how the grant funds will be used by both partners in planning.

**Assurances**

* We commit to establish an Early College leadership team and be able to identify those team members upon award of the grant.
* We commit to ensuring that the planning process related to the expansion of the Early College program is on a regularly established schedule through June 30, 2022.