



Indiana Department of Education

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To: All Eligible CSI/TSI Title I Schools

From: Office of School Support and Transformation

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Subject: Next Generation School Improvement Grant Awards

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) launched the Next Generation School Improvement Grant (Next Gen SIG) program in the 2021-2022 school year to provide funds to local educational agencies (LEAs) fully committed to aligning a student's learning with their academic and personal needs. This competitive, federal grant supports a one-year planning phase (up to \$300,000 per school), followed by a three-year implementation phase (up to \$3 million per school(s)) in schools identified for Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) and/or Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI)¹ under Indiana's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plan. IDOE is now in its third cohort for this grant.

Applicants were required to identify an intervention priority upon which to focus their improvement efforts, and an intervention model designed to secure the necessary conditions to transform educational opportunities. Additionally, given that school transformation requires specialized expertise, applicants were encouraged to identify an expert partner to provide strategic guidance and expert support in the planning and implementation phase.

Summary of Funding: The Next Gen SIG program is funded with federal Title I funds as required by ESSA. More information about Indiana's approved state plan under ESSA can be found on [IDOE's website](#). This is an annual grant opportunity that is not associated with the one-time COVID relief funding also known as the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund.

Summary of Applications: IDOE received 24 applications representing 25 eligible schools. Each application was evaluated by at least two independent reviewers against a scoring rubric to identify the final awardees. The evaluation focused on student performance and a commitment to a transformational vision to strengthen educational opportunities.

Award Summary: IDOE receives approximately \$12 million annually to support a cohort of Next Gen SIG recipients. For the third cohort (2023-2024 planning year), IDOE has awarded the following grants:

¹ IDOE currently has an amendment pending that would expand eligibility for School Improvement Grant funds to schools identified for TSI. Awards to these schools are contingent upon approval of Indiana's amendment.



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School Corp	Schools	Intervention Priority	Intervention Model	Expert Partner	Planning Dollars (23/24 SY)	Implementation Dollars (over three years)
KIPP Public Charter Schools	KIPP Indy Unite Elementary and KIPP Indy College Prep Middle	Personalized/Differentiated Instruction	Innovation Network	Skybound	Up to \$450,000	Up to \$4,500,000
South Bend Community Schools	Rise Up Academy	Personalized/Differentiated Instruction	Extended Learning Model	La Casa De Amistad/TBD	Up to \$300,000	Up to \$3,000,000
Enlace Academy	Enlace Academy	Personalized/Differentiated Instruction	Innovation Network	Skybound	Up to \$300,000	Up to \$3,000,000
Career Academy Middle School	Career Academy Middle School	Career & Postsecondary Exploration and Engagement	LAUNCH Initiative	TBD	Up to \$300,000	Up to \$3,000,000
The PATH School	The PATH School	Primary Literacy Transformation	Innovation Network	TBD	Up to \$300,000	Up to \$3,000,000
Total					\$1,650,000	\$16,500,000



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