Teach CS Grant – Existing Partners
Requests for Applications

Timelines

Request for Applications Released	April 12, 2024
Questions Due	April 26, 2024
Responses posted	May 3, 2024
Application Submission Window	April 12, 2024 – May 17, 2024
Application Review Begins	May 20, 2024
Notification of Awards	June 4, 2024

Submissions

One electronic PDF copy file uploaded by the submission date to https://rfp.ohiohighered.org

Background:

Section 381.80 of Amended Substitute House Bill 33 of the 135th General Assembly appropriated funds to award grants under the Teach CS Grant Program established in Ohio Revised Code Section 3333.129. ODHE released a Request for Applications ("RFA") on November 1, 2023 seeking colleges and universities and educational service centers who desired to partner with ODHE to increase the number of teachers qualified to teach computer science in Ohio. 11 colleges and universities and five ESCs were selected to receive a Teach CS grant. ODHE now seeks to allocate the remaining 1.9 million dollars to existing partners who can demonstrate need and new partners that will operate in underserved geographic locations. This RFA is for all existing partners.

Eligibility:

This RFA is open to existing Teach CS grant awardees:

College/University Partners:

Bowling Green State University, Cleveland State University, Heidelberg University, Kent State University, Lake Erie College, Malone University, Mount St. Joseph University, The Ohio State University, The University of Akron, University of Cincinnati, Youngstown State University

ESC Partners:

Educational Service Center of Central Ohio, Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West, Educational Service Center of the Western Reserve, Gallia Vinton Educational Service Center, Muskingum Valley ESC, Putnam County Educational Service Center.

However, existing awardees should only apply if they have <u>an immediate or pending need</u> for additional funds.

Anticipated Awards:

The Ohio Department of Higher Education has approximately 1.9M remaining in the Teach CS appropriation for FY 2025. ODHE seeks to provide additional Teach CS grant funding to existing partners who can demonstrate an immediate need for additional funds. ODHE will also be releasing an RFA for new partners simultaneous to this RFA. Both RFAs are allocating the same 1.9M in funding.

Project Term:

The project term will be until June 30, 2025. Current awardees chosen for additional funding will sign an amendment to the current award agreement.

Award Recommendations:

The Chancellor shall make the final determination regarding which applications, if any, receive an award.

Application Submission:

Applications for additional funding must be submitted on the following attached form:

Teach CS Grant Application Form – Additional Funding

ODHE will provide information to interested parties and assist potential applicants by responding to questions submitted by April 26, 2024 via e-mail to: TeachCSGrants@highered.ohio.gov

Responses will be posted at https://highered.ohio.gov/educators/grant-resources

Applicants are responsible for timely submissions of applications. Applications become property of ODHE and are subject to public record laws of the state. Applications containing all the required elements will receive careful consideration but cannot be guaranteed funding. Accepted applications will be evaluated and the Chancellor will make final decisions based upon the quality of the application in addressing the application criteria and its required elements. There is no set number of awards.

Application Review and Timeline:

The schedule below may be revised by ODHE and any changes will be communicated to the applicants via e-mail and posted on https://rfp.ohiohighered.org.

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Funds will be made available to awardees in FY2025 after execution of an award amendment with ODHE.

Criteria Descriptions:

Project Plan:

   a. Describe your process for selecting teachers to participate in the Teach CS grant program.
   b. If you are currently using Teach CS grant funding for more than one opportunity (i.e. CS endorsements, supplemental licensure, alternative licensure, continuing education), which one are you seeing the most interest in?

Project Metrics:

   a. How many teachers have you enrolled or served under your current Award Agreement? Please break this number out by endorsement, supplemental licensure, alternative licensure, and continuing education.
   b. How many qualified teachers have you had to turn down due to lack of funding?

Budget and Budget Narrative:

   a. Provide a budget that details how additional funding will be spent.

b. Considering the Teach CS grant funds you have already received, how much money can you realistically spend before June 30, 2025?

Legal Notices:

The applicant understands that if its application is accepted by the State, the applicant shall enter into an agreement amendment with the State governing the use of the awarded funds. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations in the conduct of the work hereunder.

The State reserves the right to fund any application in full or in part, to request additional information to assist in the review process, to require new applications from interested parties, to reject any or all applications responding to this announcement, or to reissue the announcement if it is determined that it is in the best interest of the State of Ohio. Issuing this announcement does not bind the State to making any awards. The State reserves the right to adjust the dates for this announcement for whatever reasons are deemed appropriate. The State reserves the right to waive any non-substantive infractions made by an applicant, provided that the applicant cures such infraction upon request.

All costs incurred in preparation of an application shall be borne by the applicant. Application preparation costs are not recoverable under an award. The State of Ohio shall not contribute in any way to recovering the costs of application preparation.

Funding decisions are final. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application(s) at the conclusion of the review process.

The applicant understands that the information provided herein is intended solely to assist the applicant in submittal preparation. To the best of the State's knowledge, the information provided is accurate.

However, the State does not warrant such accuracy, and any errors or omissions subsequently determined will not be construed as a basis for invalidating this solicitation. Interested parties bear the sole responsibility of obtaining the necessary information to submit a qualifying application. The State retains the right to modify or withdraw this solicitation at any time. By submitting an application, applicants expressly agree to these terms.

All information submitted in response to this RFA become property of ODHE and is public information unless a statutory exception exists that exempts it from public release under the Ohio Public Records Act, as defined in Section 149.43 of the Ohio Revised Code: All Lead Respondents are strongly discouraged from including in a application any information that the Lead Applicant considers to be a "trade secret," as that term is defined in Section 1333.61(D) of the Ohio Revised Code. The institution or business asserting trade secret bears the responsibility to take formal action if necessary and defend such assertion. Otherwise, public records laws may require disclosure.

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