



Fine Arts Initiative Grant

Thursday, September 7th at 9 a.m.

Tuesday, September 19th at 10 a.m.

Friday, October 6, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Frequently Asked Questions

Question	How do the goals in this Fine Arts Initiative grant relate to the fine arts goals in the Consolidated Programs Application?
Answer	The Fine Arts Initiative grant application program should include goals related specifically to the use of this funding. The Consolidated Programs Application includes the COMAR requirement to report annually the goals, objectives, and strategies regarding the implementation of fine arts instructional programming and methods for measuring progress.

Question	On the 'Proposal Cover Page' there are line items for federal and state funding sources. If we are just using these state funds for the specific budget line items and not part of a larger project, do we simply just put the entire amount again under 'State/Local for Estimated Cost' category?
Answer	Yes, that is correct.

Question	Are you expecting growth goals in the SMART goals?
Answer	The type of SMART goal you set will depend on the program or project in your application; in some cases, growth in a particular metric will not apply.

Question	Regarding UEIs, on page 1, My CFO said the UEI does not expire.
Answer	An assigned UEI does not expire, however, entity registrations do expire annually and require annual <i>renewal</i> . A SAM.gov registration is valid for 1 year after the registration submission date. A UEI without an Active SAM.gov registration is not acceptable to do business with MSDE. You can view your entity's registration activation and expiration dates through the SAM.gov website.

Question	Do you need a C-125 prior to the application being approved?
Answer	Yes, prior to approval, a C-125 form needs to be submitted.

Question	If I have 15-20 teachers involved in this plan, do you need all their names and positions listed in the application?
Answer	No, general language and position titles are sufficient in the application.

Question	In the Fine Arts Initiative Grant Information Guide (GIG) posted on the MSDE website, on page 8 under “Application Requirements”, the Cover Page section refers to a project statement but there is not space for a project statement on the application itself. Do we need to write a project statement on the Cover Page of the grant application?
Answer	No, you do not need to include a project statement on the application Cover Page. The Project Abstract on page 1 of the application is all you need to write.
Question	Should LEAs align the budget categories per goals or just the listed categories in the application?
Answer	The application categories align with the C-1-25 and you only need to list the information by budget categories and ensure the amounts agree in both documents.
Question	Is there an opportunity for corrections?
Answer	Yes, if you submit prior to October 16, 2023.
Question	For the Proposal Cover Sheet should we leave the Federal \$ amount blank
Answer	Yes, Fine Arts is State funded. Please leave Federal \$ and Other \$ blank.
Question	Should LEAs complete the equitable services section for Fine Arts in the consolidated application?
Answer	Yes
Question	Is it a Exhibit 9 local superintendent approval needed? My county is slow?
Answer	The LEA can work with the Superintendent to have him delegate signatory authority to his deputy superintendent. MSDE is only concerned that it is signed with someone who has the authority to do so.
Question	Can LEAs set up personal time to discuss specific concerns?
Answer	Yes, just reach out to Lizzie Devereux, elizabeth.devereux@maryland.gov or 410-767-1036.