Advancement Through Individual Determination (AVID) Grant Application

Eligible Applicants

Applicants must be Oklahoma public middle or high schools. Charter schools are eligible for this grant.

Preference will be given to applicants that demonstrate a high (50% or more) low-income student population (as determined by the number of students who are eligible for free and reduced school meals) and a low (15% or less) number of minority students who do not participate in an Advanced Placement (AP) or Pre-Advanced Placement (Pre-AP) program.

Application Deadline

February 15, 2013

Award Announcement Date

February 28, 2013

Project Period

February 28, 2013 to June 30, 2014

Funds must be spent by June 30, 2014.

Award Amount

$60,000
With an option to renew for 2 additional years.

Background

Participation in Oklahoma's Advanced Placement Incentive Program (APIP) by minority students does not reflect the percentage of minority students in our public schools. In order to ensure minority participation in AP classes, the Oklahoma State Department of Education is awarding grants of $60,000 for public schools to participate in the AVID program.

Purpose

The purpose of the AVID program is to close the achievement gap for minority and non-traditional AP students by advancing those students into rigorous coursework while providing support. AVID teachers work in teams which receive extensive training. Schools provide tutors for their AVID students as part of a support system.

Successful schools will see an increase in the number of minority students taking AP classes and exams as well as an increase in qualifying scores on those exams.

Application Review

Awards will be evaluated based on the following: clarity and potential for success of the project purpose; project team's readiness to successfully implement the project; and, the level/quality of collaboration integrated into the project plan.

Application reviewers will consider the following four factors:

A. Background and Need (35 points)
   - Understanding of school and AP/Pre-AP demographics;

B. Project Proposal (55 points)

- The degree to which the project design and proposed activities are appropriate and relevant;
- Degree to which the objective/s are stated in measurable terms;
- Attainability of the objectives in the stated time frames.

C. Sustainability (10 points)
- Extent to which the applicant demonstrates ability to build capacity in its community to maintain the project;
- Degree to which applicant has plans to sustain operation after the grant has been awarded. (If school is awarded this grant, federal funds cannot be used to sustain the program.)

Application and Submission Information

Please respond to the following questions according to the specified parameters.

I. List Contact Information

1. Provide name of school, name of project director, name of principal, school's address, Web site, phone number, fax number, lead person e-mail address and phone number. If the contact person is different from the project director, list that person's name and contact information.

II. Background and Need

(2,000 word limit)

2. Please describe your school and include the following: number of students in the school; the race and ethnicity of the student body; percentage of students eligible for free/reduced lunch; AP/Pre-AP courses that are offered; race and ethnicity of students enrolled in those courses; and, if applicable, the number of students receiving a score of 3, 4, or 5 on the corresponding AP exam.

3. Please give a brief history of what has been done in your school and district to address the inclusion of minorities in AP/Pre-AP courses.

III. Project Proposal

(3,000 word limit)

4. Please describe your proposed project. Include your objective/s, key individuals, and timeline.

5. Please describe how project funds will be spent. Please be as specific as possible with a line item budget.

IV. Sustainability

(500 word limit)

6. Please describe your plan for sustaining the project after the completion of the grant. If school is awarded the grant, no federal funds can be used to sustain the AVID program.

Application Instructions

- Address the items above completely and include a cover letter signed by the project lead and the school principal.
- Email application to cathy.seward@sde.ok.gov.