COVID-19 Prevention Program

CDC/Health Department Grant (Project 723)

All-District Call
September 22, 2021

OKLAHOMA Education
Reopening Schools Safely Grant

• Goal: Provide free, in-school COVID-19 screening and testing to students, faculty/staff, and volunteers who opt-in to the program.

• Grant is funded by CDC in collaboration with the Oklahoma State Department of Health.

• Grant is non-competitive, but a finite amount of funding has been allocated to the grant. Grants will be funded on a “first come, first served” basis.
Testing Parameters

• In order to apply for the grant, districts must:

  • Implement a testing program focused on students; testing of faculty/staff and volunteers is encouraged.
  • Submit a plan to test 10% of enrollment each month.
  • Make a good faith effort to hit the 10% target each month and document reasons why target was missed in a particular month.
  • Administer tests at school/district.
  • Students ages 12+ may self-administer the test; an adult must assist students younger than 12.
  • Report both positive and negative results in State Infection Reporting System (SIRS).
  • Utilize funds as outlined in allowable expenditures list.
Grant Structure

• Grants are based on enrollment from October 1, 2020 or October 1, 2021 (whichever is greater).

• Applicants are eligible for funds up to
  • 1-500 students $50,000
  • 501 to 1,000 students $150,000
  • 1,001 to 5,000 students $300,000
  • 5,001 to 15,000 students $500,000
  • 15,001+ students $1,000,000

• Contact Shelly Perkins, Agency Grants Director, if your amount in GMS should change after October 1, 2021.
Budget Parameters

• Testing kits and PPE will be provided and paid for by the Oklahoma State Health Department.

• Testing kits and PPE are not charged to a district's grant amount listed in GMS.

• Districts apply for grant through the OSDE Grants Management System.

• Expenses should be coded to Project 723.
**Logistics**

- Districts order the Quidel QuickVue SARS Antigen Tests and PPE (at no charge to districts) from the OSDH Big Commerce ordering system before the 10th of the month.
- If schools receive the grant and do not comply with grant requirements, funding will be suspended.
- Grant funds must be expended by June 30th, 2022 and have until July 31, 2022 to submit for reimbursement.
- OSDH is working Saxum Communications to publish a website, social media content, and other assets to help promote the grant.
FAQs

• We have a list of preliminary FAQs that we are sharing in the chat.

• This presentation and most current FAQs will be available on the OSDE COVID-19 webpage.

**Clarification:** Schools may order tests at no cost directly from the OSDH and NOT participate in the grant.
Questions?

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