Grants & Funding

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A Glossary of Terms Related to Grants and Funding

Term or Acronym	Definition	How Used
Grant Seeker	person, school, district, etc. who is applying for the grant	This term is used in workshops, journals, etc.
Grantee	person, school, district, etc. who receives the grant	This term is used in applications and instructions.
Grantor or Grant Maker	agency, organization, etc. who is providing the grant	This term is used in applications and instructions.
RFA	Request for Application	a call for grant applications—a simpler format than RFP
RFP	Request for Proposal	a call for grant proposals – more complex, narrative format
LEA	Local Educational Agency	the district education department that applies for and oversees the grant
SEA	State Educational Agency	the state education department that applies for and oversees the grant
Discretionary Grants	competitive grants	These grants are applied for directly to the Federal Government.
Formula Grants	grants awarded to eligible entities through allocation based on the program's authorizing legislation; block grants or categorical	These grants are sent directly to the states, who disburse monies according to the formula (ex. Title I, Migrant).

Block Grants	formula funds that are not allocated to a specific category and are more flexibly distributed	The grant seeker applies directly to state for these funds, and state sets up procedures for their disbursement.
Subgrants	formula or competitive grants made from a larger grant	Ex. Technology, Literacy Challenge, and REA
Project	the proposed plan, the plan for which grant funds are being requested	Projects may include instructional materials and must adhere to the criteria specified by the grant.
Boilerplate Materials	a mass produced proposal or one that is copied from another grant	a big DON'T in grant world—should only be used as a guide – rarely funded
EDGAR	Education Department General Administration Regulations	provides criteria and instruction on grant applications
ERIC Database of US Publications in ERIC http://www.eric.ed.gov/	Educational Resources Information Center	federally funded research site that provides information on current educational issues—used by many grant seekers In January 2004, the Department of Education will begin to implement a reengineering plan for ERIC.
Private Sector Grants and Funding	foundation and corporate grants that allocate funds to strengthen education	easier to obtain than federal and state grants and often have community-based interests
CFDA Number	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number—the identifies the federal grant.	The CFDA is the encyclopedia of all funding programs—the way all grants are catalogued

FR The Federal Register (1994 to present) http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html	Federal Register	Public notice of all grants appears on site once they are approved by Congress.
NOFA	Notice of Funding Availability	information on program's purpose, eligibility requirements, application deadline, award amounts, etc.
SSPOC	Single State Point of Contact	state contact that district must use when applying for certain federal grants.
E-Application	electronic grant application system	Most federal grants can now be applied for online.
Replicability	a project requirement of most demonstration grants	Federal and state grantors want to know if the project can be replicated in other places.
OESE	Office of Elementary and Secondary Education	one of six agencies under which grants are organized and authorized
OELA	Office of English Language Acquisition	one of six agencies under which grants are organized and authorized
OSERS	Office of Special Education & Rehabilitative Services	one of six agencies under which grants are organized and authorized
ESEA	Elementary & Secondary Education Act	legislation that authorizes most education grants Reauthorized in 2002 as the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Legislation