Aspiring Principals Pipeline Grant Highlights

Introduction

The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI) applied to the United States Department of Labor (USDOL) for a K-12 Principal Apprenticeship Program.

The NDDPI is releasing an opportunity for an Aspiring Principal Pipeline grant. Once our principal apprenticeship application is approved, the EPP(s) selected to receive grant funding will become part of the ND Principal Apprenticeship Program.

Eligible Applicants

North Dakota universities that offer a program for a Master’s in School Leadership can apply for funding. Individuals serving in the role of an assistant principal while working on their Master’s in School Leadership can apply for a scholarship. Unfortunately, individuals who already have a Master’s in School Leadership are not eligible for a scholarship.

Priorities

Priority will be given to:

- Proposals that can provide scholarships to the largest number of educators in the 2023/2024 school year.

Funding

The NDDPI has $150,000 available on July 1, 2023. The department may award one recipient $150,000 or two recipients $75,000.

Allowable Costs

Funds must be used for tuition/scholarships for assistant principals to take coursework leading to a Master’s in School Leadership.

Timelines

RFA Released: May 19, 2023

Applications Due: Thursday, June 15, 2023 – 5 p.m. CDT

Send To: dpiasstsupt@nd.gov

Awarded Applicants Notified: July 24, 2023

Project Period: August 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024
Proposal Review

Applicants should use the evaluation rubric (Appendix B) as the project narrative to guide them in writing a proposal. The NDDPI will use the rubric to evaluate and rate each proposal.

Contents of Proposal

The Aspiring Principal Pipeline RFA includes the following contents:

- NDDPI memorandum
- Grant proposal highlights
- Request for applications
- Appendix A: Budget Template
- Appendix B: Technical Response Rubric
- Appendix C: MOU between NDDPI and the LEAs