



State of Arizona
Department of Education
Student Achievement and Educator Excellence Division



Date: July 10, 2019
To: Gifted Education Directors/Coordinators; Superintendents; Business Managers
RE: **Notification Regarding FY20 Gifted Education State Grant Opportunity**

We are happy to announce the state legislature appropriated \$1,000,000 for FY20 to fund the state Gifted Education grant to support Gifted Education programs and services in your district or charter LEA.

The purpose of the Gifted Education grant is to provide LEAs with the opportunity to apply for additional funding per ARS §15.779.03 to supplement their efforts to provide Gifted Education programs and services for their identified gifted students K-12, as applicable, in alignment with approved LEA Scope and Sequences for Gifted Education Programs. Funds expended through this grant program must be used to supplement, and not supplant, monies from other sources (ARS §15.779.03(C)). Attached with this notification are the Arizona Revised Statutes and State Board Rules pertaining to Gifted Education.

Eligibility Requirements

To receive these funds, your LEA (traditional school districts and charter holders) must:

- Have a current governing board and Arizona Department of Education approved Scope and Sequence for Gifted Education Programs as required by ARS §15-779.02.
- Comply with ARS §15-779.01, Arizona State Board of Education Rule R7-2-406 and serve all eligible gifted students in grades K-12, as applicable.
- Submit evidence, through assuring in your application, that teachers who have primary responsibility for teaching gifted students have obtained or are working towards obtaining the gifted education endorsement.

Project Period: July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020
Applications Available: July 15, 2019 (<https://gme.azed.gov>)
Application Due Date: September 6, 2019

IMPORTANT NOTE: *These grant funds are currently considered to be 'reverting' funds and are not eligible for carryover. Please plan and budget accordingly.*

FY20 Gifted Education Grant eligible LEAs and their FY20 Gifted Education Grant allocations have been posted here: www.azed.gov/Gifted-Education.

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LEAs may apply for funds as part of a Consortium of LEAs through a County Superintendent's Office. Please contact me if your LEA is interested in pursuing this option, as the application process will differ.

Please contact me should you have any questions or concerns regarding this grant program at Peter.Laing@azed.gov or 602-364-3842. You may also find additional Gifted Education information and resources at www.azed.gov/Gifted-Education.

Thank you for all that you do to support Arizona's children!

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