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Re: **Laws 2017, Chapter 284 (SB 1038) and Laws 2019 Chapter 265 (SB 1051), High QualityTeacher Professional Development Pilot Program Annual Report from ADE**

Between August 9, 2019 and October 25, 2021, the Arizona Department of Education received 195 applications for the Teacher Professional Development Scholarship. Of those 195 applications 119 were approved for funding. During this time period the department disbursed a total of $442,111 in scholarship funding. All applicants accepted funding and only two applicants have returned funding (one moved out of state, the other was unable to complete courses due to COVID-19 circumstances). We were elated to find less applications were denied in the past year and contribute this to more targeted and focused outreach to the intended audience. Unapproved applications primarily were denied funding because the applicant did not meet minimum application requirements; was not pursuing an approved area of endorsement or certification; or less frequently, submitted an incomplete application. Applications continue to be reviewed at least every two weeks by the Deputy Associate Superintendent of Educator Excellence; Director of Educator Excellence; and the State Director of Educator Recruitment and Retention. We have adjusted our outreach due to the circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic. We have utilized more social media, targeted email list, and collaboration with partners such as Arizona State University science department. During the late summer and early fall of 2021, we saw an increase of submitted applications, and anticipate in the next year with continued outreach the application numbers to return to normal or above normal levels.

Funded Approved Application Areas:

Physics	8
Mathematics	1
Chemistry	4
Career and Technical Education	0
Computer Science and Technology	2
STEM Areas	0
Biology	1
General Science	2
Dual Enrollment	20
Computer Science	1