



Office of Indian Education (OIE) Raising Indigenous Success in Education (RISE) Grant

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Is this grant applicable to Adult Education providers?**
 - No, the Raising Indigenous Success in Education (RISE) Grant is specific to K-12 projects.
- **I have a Grants Management Enterprise (GME) account but I am not able to access the RISE grant application.**
 - Please reach out to GME For direct assistance. You may contact Grants Management at (602) 542-3901 or via Help Desk at <https://www.azed.gov/grants-management/support>
- **I am the grant writer for our school district. Our idea is to create outdoor learning spaces where students could learn about their culture and language on top of incorporating all subject areas. Would this outdoor learning space be eligible for grant funding?**
 - The outdoor learning space is a great example of how the funds can be used, however keep in mind that Year 1 funding is to be utilized for stakeholder and community engagement as well as plan development. Therefore if it is decided in the plan development phase, that the outdoor learning space is an appropriate use of funds then it may be an allowable cost.
- **Are Tribal Educational Agencies / Departments eligible applicants?**
 - Tribes and/or Tribal Education Departments are not eligible to apply for the OIE RISE Grant. Applicants must be a school district (public or charter) or a consortium (tribally-controlled or grant schools) to be eligible.
 - However, we recommend that Tribal Educational Agencies / Departments encourage the local school district(s) to submit an application and offer to be active participants in the Plan Development and Implementation phases of the grant, should the school district be awarded. This would be a great example of what we would like to see when it comes to stakeholder and community engagement.
- **We have students in our community who attend our charter, alternative high school and often attend the local public school. Since our community schools are tribally operated and BIE Funded, can we enter this grant competition as a consortium with the local public school to serve all the students in the community?**
 - Yes, we would allow you to enter the competition as a consortium with your alternative high school and your tribally operated BIE Funded Grant School, however, we require that an MOU is in place.



- **Are federally operated BIE schools eligible?**
 - We have determined that federally operated BIE schools, in addition to grant schools and tribally-controlled schools, will be eligible to apply for the OIE RISE Grant.
- **The fund alert document for the RISE program provided via GME states that the application due date is 6/30/23, while the OIE's program webpage states that the application due date is 5/1/23. Just to confirm, is the correct due date 5/1? In addition, the fund alert states that the maximum award amount is \$250,000, while the program page lists the maximum award amount as \$225,000. Just to confirm, which is the correct maximum award amount?**
 - We apologize for any confusion. To clarify, the OIE RISE Grant application closes on 5/1/23 and Award recipients will be notified by 6/30/23. The correct maximum award amount is not to exceed \$225,000.
- **Could we use the existing Tribal ordinance in place of an MOU if we apply for the grant?**
 - Although we appreciate that the Tribal Ordinance exists, the MOU will need to layout specific roles, responsibilities, and expectations for each consortium member as they align to the purpose, goals and objectives of the OIE RISE Grant.
- **The Webinar #2 slide deck indicates that the LEA enrollment number is based on the October 1 enrollment; in the presentation, it was indicated that it would be based on the March 1, 2023 enrollment. Which is correct?**
 - To clarify there are two dates you will need to look at when calculating the approximate award amount, again the funding formula is Division Allocation + (AI/AN % Tier) + (Proximity Tier).
 - To determine the size of the LEA (Division I or Division II – Slide 23), you would use the reported October 1, 2023 enrollment numbers.
 - To determine the percentage of enrolled students who identified as American Indian/Alaska Native you would use the LEA's Student Information System (SIS) (AI/AN % Tier I to Tier IV- Slide 24) as of March 1, 2023.
 - Finally, to determine the proximity to tribal lands you can use google maps to find the distance between the LEA office location and tribal land boundaries (Proximity Tier I to Tier IV – slide 25).
- **Our usual indirect costs are at 25% which is approved by ADE. Would this be the allowable amount for this project / is there a cap on it or do you not allow indirect costs at all?**
 - No, indirect costs are only allowable for federally-funded grants. The RISE Grant is a state-funded grant.
- **All of our schools on our Reservation are tribally controlled schools, are they eligible to apply? Can all their school sites apply together?**
 - Yes, a consortium can be consist entirely of tribally controlled schools. The lead fiscal agent will submit an application on behalf of the entire consortium, but a budget must be completed for each school site.



- **Does your office have a template for an MOU that I could follow as I attempt to write one out for our attorney to approve?**
 - Yes, we have developed a editable sample MOU template. You can access this template on the OIE RISE website at <https://www.azed.gov/RISE> under the "Related Documents" dropdown menu.
- **Is food is an allowable budget item for the parent and community meetings that we plan to hold to gather input for our implementation plan?**
 - Food may be allowable contingent upon approval from ADE based on justification and alignment with identified needs.