



Once the Grant Is Won...

What Is Required of the Applicants After a Grant Is Awarded?

When a grant is awarded, the primary applicant representing the team is required to sign a contract with The Consortium for Public Education. The contract requires the grant team to provide financial accounting (with receipts) of all monies spent. Unused funds are to be returned to the Consortium. The awarded team also is required to obtain publicity for the awarded program (in addition to the publicity generated by The Consortium for Public Education). A final report is required. Forms provided by the Consortium will guide the educators through this process. The final report and financial accounting are due approximately one year from the time the award is received.

When Are the Funds Issued to the Grant Recipients?

As soon as the Consortium receives the signed contract, the process to issue a check begins. This takes approximately 2 to 3 weeks. Checks of less than \$750 can be made out directly to the primary applicant unless otherwise specified. These funds may be deposited into a personal checking account but, of course, a financial accounting will be required. Checks greater than \$750 will be made out to the school district and the teacher(s) will access these funds through the district's account. If necessary, funds may be issued to a special "Great Idea Grant" account so that the teachers have more immediate and direct access to the funds. This may be done only through a written request.

Note: Consortium checks are void after 60 days and need to be deposited into a bank account (personal, district, or special) as soon as possible.

Who Owns the Resources Purchased Through a Great Idea Grant?

Books, supplies, software, or any other items purchased through a grant are the property of the school district for use by the applicant(s) to implement the grant program. On occasion, grant winners have been reassigned or have left the school district and the use of the resources acquired through a grant has become an issue. In this case, the applicant(s), administrator and, if necessary, the Consortium's grant coordinator should discuss the best and most appropriate place to use the resources. However, in all cases, the resources of the project are not the personal property of the applicant(s).

What Happens If I Do Not Complete the Terms of My Contract?

If the funded grant project is not carried out, the applicants will be required to return the original grant funding. If the final report and financial accounting are not submitted in the designated time frame, the applicants will not be eligible for future grants until those obligations are met.