Social Emotional Learning Curriculum Grant (FP 167) Key Points & FAQ

Key Points:
- The SEL Curriculum grant is available for districts to apply for and receive up to $30,000 for the purchase of evidence-based SEL curriculum from the CASEL Program Guide.
- Prior to applying, districts must choose a curriculum they plan to purchase and be able to provide the exact cost for the materials on their application.
- Districts who do not already have SEL curriculum in place will be prioritized to receive the grant.
- Districts who have are eligible for high poverty allocations will also be prioritized to receive the grant.
- Districts must read and adopt the Washington State SEL Standards.
- Participating districts agree to participate in a post-grant survey conducted by OSPI.
- Districts who applied for the grant previously but were not awarded are able to reapply.
- Districts can access the SEL Network for collaborative resources and technical assistance.

FAQs:
- What curriculum is my district able to use?
  - Districts must use the CASEL Program Guide to purchase their curriculum.
  - Character Strong is not on the list of approved curriculum and grant money cannot be used to purchase Character Strong.
- Do I have to identify the SEL Curriculum prior to applying for the grant?
  - Yes, you must supply us with the name of the curriculum and the specific cost of it.
- Are charter schools eligible to apply for the SEL Curriculum Grant?
  - Yes, charter schools are eligible.
- Does the curriculum purchased with grant funding need to be purchased during school year 2022-23?
  - Grant funds received after July 1, 2022 need to be spent down by June 30, 2023. The curriculum must also be received by that time.
- My district has evidence-based SEL curriculum in place already, but we would like to update and/or replace it with new evidence-based SEL curriculum. Can we apply for the grant?
  - Yes, you can, but schools with no evidence-based SEL curriculum in place will be prioritized to receive the grant.
• Can grant money be used to provide professional development/learning to teachers and school employees?
  o No, funding is to be used only for purchasing curriculum that is on the CASEL Program Guide. However, some curricula include professional development with purchase of the curriculum. In that case, it’s okay. This cannot be a separate line item on the budget.
• Can we use the CASEL competencies instead of the Washington SEL standards when we plan for SEL lessons?
  o No, the proviso requires any district who will receive this grant to be utilizing the Washington SEL Standards.