# PREPARING STUDENTS WITH INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAMS (IEPS) FOR LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY, INTEGRATED EMPLOYMENT, AND POST-SCHOOL SUCCESS 17-BC33-H03

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# NJDOE Support for this NGO

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The NGO Document:

http://www.state.nj.us/education/grants/gropps.shtml click on "All Currently Available Grant Opportunities" click on "Preparing Students with IEPs for Life in the Community, Integrated Employment, and Post-School Success"



## Agenda

- 1. Purpose and funding
- 2. Eligibility and school awards
- 3. Application overview
- 4. Individual application elements
- 5. Evaluation process
- 6. Timelines
- 7. Q & A




### **Our Goals**

- 1) Provide a summary of key technical assistance points with respect to this grant application and program
  - Note: these points are addressed comprehensively in the NGO document
- 2) Answer select questions as they come up, or at the end of the session...



## NGO Purpose & Funding

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• Year 1 funding: IDEA Part B (Federal), \$1,000,000



### NGO Purpose & Funding

The State goal of this program is to increase the number of students with disabilities prepared for the transition from school to adult life by:

- Establishing a model program for students with disabilities aged 16 to 21 by implementing transition-focused services within the participating students' local community, based on each student's Individualized Education Program (IEP); and
- Providing appropriate services such as person-centered planning, and community-based instruction during age-appropriate activities such as integrated, competitive employment, adult education classes including college courses, public transportation utilization, shopping, and recreational activities with peers without disabilities.



## **Eligibility and Number of Awards**

### Eligibility to apply:

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- Open to LEAs (including Charter Schools) that serve special education high school students aged 16 through age 21
- LEAs that do not meet the minimum service level may partner with another LEA in order to meet the required
- A minimum of 6 students aged 16-21 with disabilities must be served



### **Eligibility and Number of Awards**

LEAs are encouraged to develop partnership agreements with other entities to provide services within the LEA's local community to meet the needs of students in the program:

- Neighboring LEAs
- Supported employment providers

Local colleges

- Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities
- Approved clinics and agencies

LEAs receiving this grant may not partner with entities that:

- Provide subminimum wage employment (e.g. sheltered workshops)
- Provide services outside of the students' local community



# **Eligibility and Number of Awards**

### **Expected Number of Awards:**

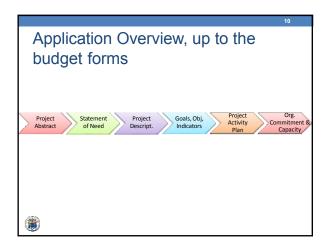
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- Total funds for the first project period are \$1,000,000
- It is anticipated that 3 awards will be made
- Each applicant may apply for up to \$333,333 in the first project period which is September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017



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# Application Overview – Budget Forms

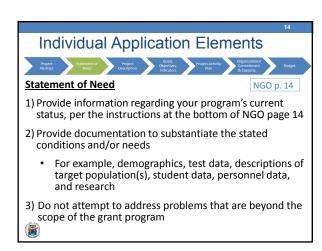
• For comprehensive technical assistance on "Constructing the Budget", visit: <a href="http://www.state.nj.us/education/grants/discretionary/apps/ta">http://www.state.nj.us/education/grants/discretionary/apps/ta</a> budget/

- This webpage includes:
- 1) Sample Budget Forms
  - 2) Forty-six slide comprehensive technical assistance for grant preparation



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Individual Application Ele	ements
Project Abstract Statement of Description Objectives, Indicators Activity Plan	Organizational Commitment & Capacity  Budget
Project Abstract	NGO p. 14-19
Statement of Need	NGO p. 14-19
Project Description	
<ul> <li>Goals/Objectives, Indicators</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Project Activity Plan</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Organizational Commitment and Capacit</li> </ul>	ty
Budget	
<ul> <li>Additional Reference: Pre-Award Manua</li> </ul>	al For
Discretionary Grants	
http://www.nj.gov/education/grants/di	scretionary/apps/

# Individual Application Elements Project Abstract (for the full three-year program period) Do NGO p. 14 1.Write the Project Abstract last as a summary of the entire proposed project 2.Make it succinct, brief, and interesting Don't 1.Include information in the abstract that is not supported elsewhere in your application



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Individual Application Elements				
Project Statement of Project County Opening Project Abstract Plan Project Activity Plan	Organizational Commitment & Capacity			
Project Description	NGO p. 15			
<ul> <li>Describe in a detailed narrative the complete project design and plan for implementing</li> </ul>	•			
<ul> <li>Provide assurance that the strategies or activities are of sufficient quality and scope</li> </ul>				
<ul> <li>Provide evidence that the project is apprope be successful</li> </ul>	oriate and will			
<ul> <li>Your narrative must address the 6 bulleted 15 of the NGO</li> </ul>	points on page			
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Individual Application Elements

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Project Activity Plan (for the current Year 1 grant period)

Outline the steps to be taken for each identified objective

The form includes fields for:

Implementation activity

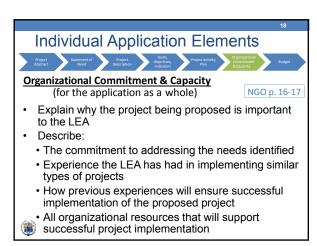
Person(s) responsible

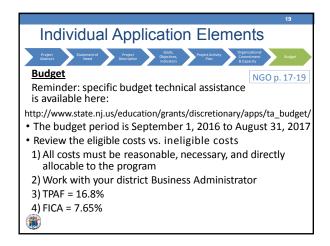
Note titles, not names

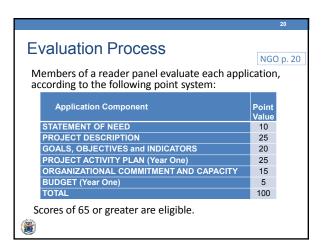
Do not note the project director as the person responsible for all activities

Documentation

Report period: use the 3 report periods shown on page 9 of the NGO







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Timelines	
• Application Due - June 9, 2016, 4:00PM	
Applications Reviewed and Scored - June 2016	
• Awards Announced – July 2016	
• Pre-Award Revisions – Summer 2016	
• Program Start – September 1, 2016	