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PART 560
PARENTAL PARTICIPATION PILOT PROJECT

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Section 560.10  Purpose and Applicability

This Part establishes the application procedure and criteria for selection by the State Board of Education of the four districts that will participate in the parental participation pilot program established under Section 2-3.137 of the School Code [105 ILCS 5/2-3.137]. The provisions of this Part apply only to applicants for grants pursuant to that Section.
Section 560.20 Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants shall be the City of Chicago School District 299 and the 20 lowest-performing school districts within each of the geographic areas identified in Section 2-3.137(d) of the School Code, ranked according to the percentage of all the scores attained by students on most recent administration of the State assessment for which data are available that were classified as demonstrating proficiency (see 23 Ill. Adm. Code 1.30). Public university laboratory schools approved by the State Board of Education pursuant to Section 18-8.05(K) of the School Code [105 ILCS 5/18-8.05(K)] and charter schools shall also be eligible to apply if their performance is within the range of the 20 lowest-performing districts for their respective geographic areas; see 105 ILCS 5/2-3.109a and 27A-11.5, respectively.
Section 560.30  Application Procedure; Plan

a) When State funding is available for the Parental Participation Pilot Project, the State Superintendent of Education shall issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) in order to solicit applications from eligible entities. As used in this Part, a “proposal” or “application” means an academic improvement plan developed in accordance with Section 2-3.137 of the School Code, accompanied by the additional materials applicants will be required to submit in response to the RFP, as described in this Section. For purposes of this Part an “academic improvement plan” means the plan of work for the specific project for which State funding is sought.

b) The RFP shall describe the format that applicants will be required to follow and any additional information they may be required to submit.

c) The RFP shall indicate the amount or expected amount of the appropriation for the program and the expected amount of each grant under this Part, which shall be equal to one-fourth of the total appropriation.

d) The RFP shall include a budget summary and payment schedule, as well as a narrative budget breakdown, i.e., a detailed explanation of each line item of expenditure that discusses the need for State funds in the context of the applicant’s other available resources.

e) The RFP shall identify the data recipients will be required to collect and report regarding the activities conducted under the pilot project and the results of those activities, as well as the timelines for reporting.

f) The RFP shall include such certification and assurance forms as the State Superintendent may, by law, require.

g) The RFP shall specify the deadline for submission of proposals, which shall provide potential applicants with at least 45 days to respond.

h) Separate proposals shall be required for renewal of funding during the remaining term of the pilot project (see Section 2-3.137(b) of the School Code). Each proposal for renewal shall include at least:

1) a description of activities undertaken during the year just concluded, demonstrating that the project has been implemented in conformance with the approved plan and proposal;
2) the information called for in Section 2-3.137(f) of the School Code;

3) an updated project narrative that discusses the services and materials for which funding is requested and a rationale for the activities to be undertaken; and

4) an updated budget summary and payment schedule for the renewal year, including a narrative budget breakdown.

i) Incomplete proposals will not be considered.
Section 560.40  Criteria for the Review of Initial Proposals

a) Applications for initial funding shall be evaluated in accordance with the following criteria:

1) Need for the Project; Quality of the Plan (70 points)

A) The proposal demonstrates that one or more of the elements of need discussed in Section 2-3.137(d)(1) of the School Code are applicable to the schools to be served by the project.

B) The proposal demonstrates that the activities proposed as part of its pilot project are consistent with the parental involvement activities set forth in any approved district or school improvement plan.

C) The proposal demonstrates that other sources of funding are limited to such an extent that the applicant is unable to conduct the proposed activities without funding under this Part.

D) The proposed activities are designed to increase parental participation in the affected school or schools, and the proposal demonstrates that the activities were chosen in response to the needs and characteristics of the families to be served.

E) The proposal indicates how the intended activities are expected to result in one or more of the possible effects described in Section 2-3.137(f) of the School Code.

F) The scope of the proposed activities is reasonable in light of the amount of funding to be provided, and the project will be cost-effective considering the number of students and parents to be involved.

2) Evaluation Plan (30 points)

A) From among the possible effects described in Section 2-3.137(f) of the School Code, the proposal identifies one or more areas of improvement to be targeted by the project.

B) The proposal identifies specific data and other types of information that will be gathered systematically over the course of the project.
to determine whether the intended improvements are occurring and
to gauge the project’s impact.

b) Proposals shall be grouped according to the geographic areas delineated in
Section 2-3.137(d) of the School Code, and each proposal shall be ranked only in
comparison to proposals from other eligible entities within its respective group.
Section 560.50 Allocation of Funds

a) The State Superintendent of Education shall approve initial applications for funding and make final determinations regarding the amounts to be provided based upon the total funds appropriated for this initiative.

b) In accordance with Section 2-3.137(b) of the School Code, it is the intention of the State Board of Education to approve funding for four projects under this Part for a four-year period. Funding for the second, third, and fourth years shall be contingent upon the availability of funds for the program and evidence presented in renewal proposals that the projects have been implemented in accordance with the approved academic improvement plans and grant agreements.

c) Only the four grantees originally selected shall be eligible for funding in the second, third, and fourth years of the project. If one or more of these grantees does not submit an approvable application for continued funding, the amount appropriated for the year in question and any subsequent years shall be divided evenly among the remaining eligible grantees.