

# **Early College Planning Grant Fund Code: 461**

**For Applicants Interested in Applying for MA Early College Designation**

# The Early College Team is Here to Support you!



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# Purpose of Early College Planning Funds

- The purpose of this competitive grant is to provide planning resources for Early College applicants to the Massachusetts Early College Designation.
- These resources are intended to support both the secondary school partner and institutes of higher education (IHE) partner in their planning and design of the Early College program.

# Who is Eligible for FC461 funds?

## Option A

- Option A- Planning for SY23 Designation: These funds are available for MA Early College Designation Applicants who submitted a Part A Application in **August of 2022** to begin programming in FY23.
  - Awardees will be determined by the approval by DESE and DHE of their reviewed Part A Early College application, as well as their grant responses in Part III of this application. Eligible partnerships will have met the Part A requirements outlined in the Designation Application Companion 2022.

# Option B

- Option B – Full School Pre-Planning for SY24 Designation: If funds are available after the awarding of Option A grantees, these funds will be made available for SY24 Early College Designation applicants who are planning to implement a Full School Impact model launching in Fall 2024-2025
  - Early College Full School Impact and Early College Incubator Grantees are excluded from eligibility.

# Fund Code 461: Priorities

- Priority will be given to districts and schools where the majority of the school population represents underrepresented students in higher education.
- Priority will be given to proposed partnerships that have not received previous Early College planning funds through the Commonwealth.
- Priority will be given to proposed partnerships that are committing to meeting the criteria of a Full School Impact Early College model.

# Fund Code 461:What is Full School Impact Model?

- “Wall to Wall” or Large scale programs that at full capacity will serve over 400 students
- Programs that are set up to support the majority of students in achieving 30 credits or more prior to high school graduation

# Examples of how to spend the planning grant

- Staff: ex: Applying funds to obtain a program coordinator, hire a consultant, or contract a service provider to develop an aspect of Early College program
- Stipends: ex: providing stipends to faculty and staff on the planning team; providing stipends to both college faculty and high school faculty to work on curriculum alignment; stipends to advising staff to develop MYCAP plans for EC students
- Contracted Services: providing expertise in support strategies to serve underrepresented students in higher education.

# Unallowable expenses

- Capital expenses
  - A Capital expense is defined as: an item with a lifespan of 5 years or more.
- Gifts cards
  - Vouchers to College bookstore are allowable
- MTRS is not required under these State funds

# How and Where can I apply for these funds?

- All applicants who submitted a Part A application will be notified of posting via email.
- Once posted, applicants will apply in the Edgrants portal.
- Applicants will need to provide:
  - Part I: Program Unit Signature Page – (Standard Contract Form and Application for Program Grants)
  - Part II: Budget
  - Part III: Responses
  - End date: August 31, 2023

# Other notes

- Grants are meant to support both partners but easier for K-12 partner to be fiscal lead given this is administered by EdGrants. However, IHE's that are the leads can work with our grant team to submit a CROSSWALK/ ISA with Edgrant submissions allowing them to receive the funds.

# Questions?