

Local College Access Networks



LCAN Grant Series

The purpose of the Local College Access Network (LCAN) Grant Series is to provide funding and technical assistance to Iowa communities utilizing the Collective Impact framework in order to implement a local network of organizations, with the goal of increasing educational attainment in communities across the state.

Proposals must document strong partnerships in the community with a leadership team committed to the overarching goal of increasing college attainment rates. Partnerships should represent cross-sector CEO-level collaboration and be reflective of the community's population. Applications that address low-income students, students of color and/or first-generation college going students are of particular interest. In addition, LCANs with partners participating in Iowa College Aid initiatives such as Course to College, Iowa Go Alliance Academy, and hosting an AmeriCorps VISTA and/or AmeriCorps Member will receive priority funding.

Planning (Steps 1-4¹)

The Planning Grant supports communities in their initial stages of adopting the Collective Impact framework. Open to community members looking to organize and initiate a Local College Access Network using Collective Impact to increase college attainment rates. In order to apply for the Collective Impact Planning Grant, the community must have completed the Letter of Intent and be invited to apply.

Launch (Steps 5-6)

The Launch Grant allows LCANs to build the foundation of their Collective Impact effort. This grant supports the development of a shared vision for increasing college attainment rates. In order to apply for the LCAN Launch Grant, the community must have completed the Planning Grant.

Implementation (Steps 7-9)

The Implementation Grant facilitates the activation of a network of community organizations and individuals, all mobilized around specific, data-driven courses of action. In order to apply for the LCAN Implementation Grant, the community must have completed the Planning and Launch Grants.

Continuous Improvement (Step 10)

The Continuous Improvement Grant allows for the sustainability of the LCANs, supporting the LCANs in ongoing efforts to reassess, refine, and refocus its efforts. In order to apply for the LCAN Implementation Grant, the community must have completed the Planning, Launch, and Implementation Grants.

¹ Process to Build a Local College Access Network using Collective Impact. Charting the Course, pg. 29

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Grants at-a-Glance

	Planning	Launch	Implementation	Continuous Improvement
Submission Date	December 1 (for January 1 start) / June 1 (for July 1 start)			
Funding Period	January 1 – December 31 / July 1 – June 30; determined by submission date			
Eligibility Requirements	Community preconditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identified Champions • Financial Resources • Urgency for Change 	Completion of deliverables from Planning Grant	Completion of deliverables from Launch Grant	Completion of deliverables from Implementation Grant
Deliverables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asset Map • Initial Backbone Support Infrastructure and Continuous Improvement Structure • Staff Position Descriptions • Leadership Team Roster • Accountability Structure • Partner Agreements • Work Plan • Progress Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress Report • Grant Summary Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dashboard for data-driven priority areas ○ Endorsed common agenda ○ Review of leadership team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress Report • Grant Summary Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Action team for data-driven priority areas ○ Determined strategies, action steps, timeline ○ Formalized action plan with partner agreements ○ Review of leadership team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress Report
Award Amount	\$20,000 per year, for up to 2 years	\$60,000 per year, for up to 2 years	\$40,000 per year, for up to 2 years	Up to \$25,000 per year, for up to 3 years
Required Match	25%	25%	50%	1 st year: 100% 2 nd year: 200% 3 rd year: 300%
Allowable Costs	Indirect costs may not exceed 8% of total budget			