



# Indiana Department of Education

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To: All Eligible CSI/TSI Title I Schools

From: Office of School Support and Transformation

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Subject: Next Generation School Improvement Grant Awards

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) launched the Next Generation School Improvement Grant (Next Gen SIG) program in the 2021-2022 school year to provide funds to local educational agencies (LEAs) fully committed to aligning a student's learning with their academic and personal needs. This competitive, federal grant supports a one-year planning phase (up to \$300,000 per school), followed by a three-year implementation phase (up to \$3 million per school(s)) in schools identified for Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) and/or Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) under Indiana's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plan. IDOE is now in its fifth cohort of this grant.

Applicants were required to identify an intervention priority upon which to focus their improvement efforts, and an intervention model designed to secure the necessary conditions to transform educational opportunities. Additionally, given that school transformation requires specialized expertise, applicants were encouraged to identify an expert partner to provide strategic guidance and expert support in the planning and implementation phase.

**Summary of Funding:** The Next Gen SIG program is funded with federal Title I funds as required by ESSA. More information about Indiana's approved state plan under ESSA can be found on [IDOE's website](#). This is an annual grant opportunity that is not associated with the one-time COVID relief funding also known as the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund.

**Summary of Applications:** IDOE received 60 applications from eligible schools. Each application was evaluated by at least two independent reviewers against a scoring rubric to identify the top finalists. Top finalists were then invited to an interview to further explain their vision. From there, final awardees were determined. The evaluation focused on student performance and a commitment to a transformational vision to strengthen educational opportunities.

**Award Summary:** The Next Generation School Improvement Grant (Cohort 5) has been awarded to the following schools, and their applications are attached below.



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School Corp	Schools	Intervention Priority	Intervention Model	Expert Partner	Planning Dollars (25/26 SY)	Implementation Dollars (over three years)
Bloomfield School District	<a href="#">Bloomington Middle School</a>	Other Innovative or Transformational Priorities	Other	Empower Schools	Up to \$250,000	Up to \$2,000,000
Gary Community Schools	<a href="#">Beveridge Elementary School, Daniel Hale Williams, Frankie Woods McCullough Academy, and Glen Park Academy for Excellence</a>	Personalized/ Differentiated Instruction	Other	Skybound Education	Up to \$800,000	Up to \$7,000,000
Indianapolis Public Schools	<a href="#">H.L. Harshman Middle School</a>	Other Innovative or Transformational Priorities	Other	Skybound Education	Up to \$250,000	Up to \$2,000,000
Marion Community Schools	<a href="#">Justice Intermediate School and McCulloch Junior High School</a>	Other Innovative or Transformational Priorities	1003 Flexibility Waiver	EES Innovation	Up to \$300,000	Up to \$4,000,000
Total					Up to \$1,600,000	Up to \$15,000,000

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