

Computer Science Professional Development Incentive Fund

Frequently Asked Questions

Are college credit courses an allowed activity/expense?

Yes, college-level courses are allowed as long as they led to the Computer Science or 5-12 CTE Information Technology endorsements. **Please complete the ENDORSEMENT ONLY application found on [iowaGrants.gov](https://iowagrants.gov).**

Is the CTE IT endorsement covered by the grant?

Yes. As of January 2022, the 5-12 CTE Information Technology endorsement is an allowable expense. Educators receiving the 5-12 CTE Information Technology endorsement may apply for the Computer Science endorsement as well through the BOEE.

Are PLTW participation costs covered by the grant?

No. PLTW participation costs are not allowed.

Can I purchase equipment that my teachers need for professional development with grant funding?

Yes, equipment can be purchased with grant funding as long as the equipment is required for the professional development training and implementing the learning in the classroom. (Limit of 15)

Are stipends an allowed expense?

Stipends are an allowed expense for off-contract time for the Professional Development Application only. Coursework for the Educator Endorsement application is not eligible for stipends.

Our district received the grant in a previous year. Can we apply again this year?

Yes, all public school districts and accredited nonpublic schools are eligible to apply. Previous recipients may apply.

Can individual schools apply?

Applicants can be public school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, and collaboratives. Individual public schools can not apply.

Is the endorsement required to teach computer science?

No. The endorsement is not required to teach computer science courses at any level.

When will applicants be notified whether they have been awarded the grant?

We hope to notify applicants on or around Dec. 9, 2024.

When is the last day to spend funds for reimbursement through this grant?

The spending window closes Sept. 30, 2025 and claims must be submitted by Oct. 19, 2025.