

IOIF Grant Frequently Asked Questions

General Questions

Q: How many proposals can an institution submit for the Institutional Outcome Improvement Fund grant?

A: Institutions are only allowed to submit one proposal. However, an individual proposal can address a group of related outcomes. Related outcomes could include the three progression metrics or the long- and short-term certificates.

Q: Can institutions submit joint proposals?

A: While THEC does encourage institutions to collaborate as they explore how best to serve Tennessee students, institutions may not submit joint proposals with other institutions.

Q: Can grant funds be used to support an existing intervention or must it be used to support a new intervention?

A: Grant funds are not allowed to be used to supplant funds for current interventions. However, grant funds can be used to expand the scope of current interventions.

Grant Methodology Questions

Q: What method of payment for grant activities will be utilized?

A: The Institutional Outcome Improvement Fund grant will utilize the advanced payment methodology. Fifty percent of the grant will be paid in advance once the grant contract is approved. After that, 20 percent will be paid at the beginning of the second and third quarter, respectively, of the first year of the grant contract period. The remaining balance will be paid at the time of the completed reconciliation report.

Q: What if the grant requires large purchases to begin?

A: Grants with large capital outlay purchase requirements at the beginning of contract services will be considered for more than a 50 percent disbursement of grant funds on a case-by-case basis.

Q: What is the contract preparation timeline?

A: Please see the below chart:

THEC Notice to Award Released	Monday, June 6, 2016
Grant Agreement to Institutions for Review	Monday, June 13, 2016
Signed Agreement returned to THEC	Friday, June 17, 2016

