

**Straight A Fund Basics**

Goals of the grant (application must address one of these goals):

* Raise student achievement
* Significant reduction in spending
* Target greater share of funding to the classroom

Statutes require application to include:

* Project description
* Self-sustaining
* Quantifiable results
* Sustainability after grant cycle, applies to all three goals of project

Awards:

* $150M for FY2015
* $5M for each applicant
* $15M for consortia

**IMPORTANT**:

The is focus on the following: Ambidextrous organizations - process improvement AND disruptive innovation

Expectations of fund:

* Changes in behavior (students, educators, families, policymakers, innovators, researchers)

Scoring process:

* Step 1: Sustainability review:
  + Is the project credible?
  + Does the project have sustainable costs?
  + Is the project sustainable?
* Step 2:Programatic review:
  + Project description
  + Implementation
  + Substantial impact and lasting value
  + Summary
* Must pass sustainability review before application will be passed on to programmatic review

**Timelines/key dates** – An email just came out on 3/17 with changes to the dates, as follows:

* 3/25: Webinar at 3:30pm to explain changes in detail.
* 4/4: Application opens in CCIP
* 4/18: Application deadline
* 5/12: Governing board meeting on fiscal sustainability results (approval 5/21)
* 6/16: Governing board meeting on programmatic results (approval 6/20)
* 7/28: Controlling board