



New Hampshire

Department of Education

Stronger Connections Grant Program Application Template

Purpose

Utilize this application template as your proposal guide. This exact template does not need to be utilized so long as all priority areas below are addressed within the uploaded proposal within the application. This template is provided as a guide to ensure each school is addressing all priority areas of the application. Separately, please ensure that equitable services consultation and the subsequent affirmation documentation is provided within the application.

For any questions, please reach out to Stan Freeda at Stanley.J.Freeda@doe.nh.gov.

Priorities

High Need (30 points) Provide evidence that the LEA meets the definition of High need, as defined by the NH Stronger Connections Program. Examples of evidence include:

- Poverty levels as determined by U.S. Census community poverty data, or free and reduced meals percentages, or Community Eligible Provision, or alternative income documentation.
- In school and out of school suspension rates, expulsion rates, incidents of violence, dropout rate, percentage of homeless, migrant and/or students in foster care can all be obtained on NHED's iReport website.

School Preparedness (20 points) Describe how the project meets one or more of the LEA preparedness priority areas of prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and/or recovery.

- Provide an overview of the school’s current needs for access control, emergency alerting, and/or surveillance enhancements. Describe (and upload) if the school has a completed School Physical Security Assessment that was completed by the Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management demonstrating the identification of the need for specified request. If not, describe how the need was determined and upload the School Emergency Operations Plan.

- Explain how the proposed activities align with the priority areas of prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery.

Allowable Categories (20 points) Describe how the proposed project meets one or more of the allowable priority areas of access control, emergency alerting, and/or surveillance.

Project Evaluation (20 points) Describe your process and timeline for evaluating the project for impact on school preparedness. The plan should contain measurable objectives you anticipate will be accomplished when the project is completed, the data you will collect, and the timeline for collection.

Budget (10 points) Complete and clear budget narrative and cost breakdown for the proposed activities.

- Provide a complete and clear budget narrative.

- Complete the required Stronger Connections Schools Grant **Budget Template**. The maximum amount that may be requested is \$100,000 per school building, and the funding amount is based on need so please be as close to exact as possible with budget and funding requests. The Budget Template should be uploaded separately in the Google application.