

## **Unified Co-Curricular Program Funds**

During the 2021-2022 Legislative Session, HB 1624, relative to students with disabilities participating in co-curricular activities, was passed into law. This bill established the Co-Curricular Program Fund that will provide school districts with grants of up to \$4,000, per program, with the primary purpose to be for districts which are looking to create new co-curricular programs or to expand the offerings of such programs to students. Any remaining funds will be distributed to school districts with pre-existing co-curricular programs. It is important to note that co-curricular programs are not limited to sports—it can be any activity.

Grants to school districts seeking to establish a co-curricular program can fund first-year operational expenses of equipment, to include uniforms. Grant funds cannot be used for stipends for staff, nor as payments to staff or other recurring costs. Similarly, grants to school districts with pre-existing co-curricular programs can be utilized to replace existing equipment, to include uniforms, but have the same exclusions as first-time grants.

Attached to this document is the application form for the Co-Curricular Program Fund. Proposals for cocurricular funds should be clear and well-written and must be signed by the appropriate departmental chairperson, program director or administration.

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Refer to: RSA 21-N:4, XI(a).