Federal Funding Opportunities to Support the P–20W Data Pipeline

Since before the first statewide longitudinal data system grants were awarded in 2006, state leaders have made significant progress building and implementing statewide longitudinal data systems. Through securely linking and matching data across the P–20/workforce (P–20W)[1] pipeline, states can encourage collaboration among their relevant education, workforce, and related agencies and help take steps to answer questions such as the following:

- Are our students college and career ready?
- Are we holding schools and districts accountable for student growth?
- Are our resources prioritized to target programs and practices that improve student achievement?

Simply developing the infrastructure, however, will not help answer these questions. Leaders must also work to establish policies and practices that create a culture of effective data use. This culture change requires ensuring that stakeholders value the information provided and trust not only that these data are accurate but also that sensitive information is kept private, confidential, and secure. The culture also depends on stakeholders having the capacity, technology, time, and training to know how to access and use the data to improve student achievement.

Federal Funding Opportunities to Support the P–20W Data Pipeline provides an overview of the current federal opportunities to help states advance their data-related activities. Although not exhaustive, this list provides a starting point for federal policymakers to support states' work in this area.

Supporting the P–20W Data Pipeline

The federal government funds numerous programs and activities that states can use to help fund the P–20W data pipeline. This resource highlights formula and competitive grant opportunities offered by the Departments of Education, Labor, and Health and Human Services. This information is drawn from federal legislation, statute, guidance, or program information. For a complete listing of funding opportunities, please visit www.DataQualityCampaign.org. Stay tuned for future installments in our FEData series, in which we will discuss how these programs support data collection and use.

---

1 The P–20W pipeline spans the early childhood, elementary, secondary, workforce, and postsecondary sectors.

Available Funds for FY2013 to Support the Effective Use of Data

EARLY CHILDHOOD	K–12	POSTSECONDARY	WORKFORCE

$15 billion

ESEA Title I, Part A ($13.7 billion) ◆
Eligible Entities: State Education Agencies

Head Start and Early Head Start ($7.6 billion) ◆
Eligible Entities: Public and Private Nonprofit and For-Profit Agencies

Child Care Development Block Grant ($2.3 billion) ◆
Eligible Entities: Public and Private Nonprofit and For-Profit Agencies

$1 billion

Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement ($1.06 billion) ◆
Eligible Entities: State Education Agencies, Subgrants to Local Education Agencies

$500 million

IDEA Part C (Ages 0–3) ($419.6 million) ⬤
Eligible Entities: State Education Agencies

School Improvement Grants ($505.7 million) ⬤
Eligible Entities: State Education Agencies

IDEA Part B (Ages 3–21) ($353.2 million) ⬤
Eligible Entities: State Education Agencies

Race to the Top-Early Learning ($280.0 million [est.]) ⬤
Eligible Entities: State Education Agencies

Teacher Incentive Fund ($284.0 million) ⬤
Eligible Entities: State Education Agencies

$100 million

Promise Neighborhoods (No Funding in FY 2013; $59.9 million in FY 2012) ⬤
Eligible Entities: Institutions of Higher Education, Nonprofit Organizations

Workforce Innovation Fund ($49.8 million) ⬤
Eligible Entities: State Education Agencies and Regions

Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems ($36.1 million) ⬤
Eligible entities: State Education Agencies

$1 million

Workforce Data Quality Initiative ($6.4 million) ⬤
Eligible Entities: State Workforce Agencies

Legend

- ■ U.S. Department of Labor
- ■ U.S. Department of Education
- ■ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

- ⬤ Competitive
- ◆ Formula

Note: FY 2013 funding levels are post-sequestration amounts.

DQC DATA QUALITY CAMPAIGN
Using Data to Improve Student Achievement