



Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) School Climate Enhancement Grant: Allowable and Unallowable Use of Funds

Allowable Use of Funds

Examples of how 24-25 grantees used microgrant funds strategically across various initiatives can be found here in the [OSSE School Climate Enhancement Microgrant Learning Brief](#)

1. School Climate Curriculum
 - a. Adopting or designing evidence-based School Climate/SEL curricula and planning for implementation.
2. Professional Development
 - a. Training programs and workshops for staff to improve school culture and climate.
 - b. Workshops and seminars on data analysis and interpretation.
 - c. Ongoing support such as coaching, mentorship, or access to external experts
 - d. Resources for continuous learning and development of staff.
3. Data Tools and Resources
 - a. Purchase of software, databases, and online platforms for developing SEL-aligned systems specific to DCSAYS domain(s).
 - b. Resources, and materials for implementing data informed decision-making processes.
4. Consultation and Expertise
 - a. Programs and partnerships with community business organizations (CBOs) to develop opportunities targeted to improve student experience aligned with a specific DCSAYS domain(s).
5. Engagement Opportunities for Stakeholders
 - a. Family and community SEL engagement events or series that contribute to a schoolwide initiative aligned with a specific DCSAYS domain(s).
 - b. Student-led climate and SEL initiatives (e.g., peer mentoring, restorative circles), targeted to address a specific DCSAYS domain(s).
6. Food
 - a. Food purchases in service of professional development and stakeholder engagement, not to exceed \$15/per person.

Unallowable Use of Funds

1. Non-Educational Expenses
 - a. General office supplies not related to the grant's objectives.
 - b. Administrative costs unrelated to professional development or system implementation.
 - c. Swag or one-time general incentives (such as gift cards)
2. Infrastructure Expenditures
 - a. Construction or renovation of school facilities.
 - b. Purchase of furniture or other major equipment not directly related to grant activities.
3. Salaries and Stipends

- a. Payment of regular staff salaries or bonuses not specifically tied to grant activities.
 - b. Stipends for tasks not aligned with the objectives of improving school culture and climate.
- 4. Entertainment and Personal Expenses
 - a. Costs associated with events, entertainment, or personal use.
 - b. Travel expenses not directly related to grant approved professional development activities.
- 5. Indirect Costs
 - a. General school operational expenses not specifically tied to grant activities.