Policy 8500, Competitive Grant Application and Award Process
Executive Summary & Comment Response

West Virginia Department of Education
Office of the Deputy State Superintendent

Policy Cycle: ☐ 30-day Comment Period ☒ Adoption of Policy

Policy Process: ☐ Revision ☐ Repeal and Replace ☒ New

Introduction: Policy 8500 establishes the process for local education agencies (LEA) to apply and receive grants managed by the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) through a competitive process that are not awarded under another rule.

Background: This new procedural rule is proposed to ensure compliance with W. Va. Code §18-9A-10 amended by House Bill 5405 (2024 Regular Session). The amendment authorized the WVDE to maintain up to $15 million of the Public School Support Plan (PSSP) Step 7d funding for professional development; however, the amendment also required the WVDE to distribute a maximum of $1 million of the funding to LEAs through a grant program when additional support for professional development is warranted.

Proposed Changes: None; Policy 8500 is a new policy.

Impact: Policy 8500, as proposed, establishes a generalized competitive grant application and award process to ensure that grant funding from the WVDE to LEAs is fair, equitable, and need-based. This policy is intended for utilization when grant funds that are not governed under another rule are available for distribution.

Action:

☐ Release for 30-day public comment period.
☒ Approved by WVBE with effective date of 11/9/2024 .

Comment Response:

There were no comments filed on this rule during the specified time period.