

Special Education and Expansion Development (SEED) Grant

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The Special Education and Expansion Development (SEED) grant is a new state grant that provides dedicated **state funding to school districts for educating students with disabilities.**

HOW THE GRANT IS CALCULATED:



Note: The Base Aid Ratio is a component of the Education Cost Sharing (ECS) formula and determines a town's ability to fund its local schools. It considers both property wealth (70%) and income wealth (30%).

Every district is eligible for its full SEED grant in FY 2026. However, With **only \$30 million appropriated in both FY 2026 and FY 2027**, actual grant amounts will be reduced proportionately.

At current funding levels, the SEED grant reflects funding for **approximately 10% of a district's number of students with disabilities** — rather than the 50% outlined in the formula.

Approximately **\$191 million is needed to fully fund the SEED grant**. This means, at the current \$30 million funding level, districts receive roughly 15.7% of their fully funded grant amounts.

Allowable Uses for the SEED Grant:

- ✓ Direct special education & related services
- ✓ Tier 2 interventions
- ✓ Academic/behavioral interventions
- ✓ Salaries for special education staff
- ✓ Equipment (purchase/maintenance)
- ✓ Curriculum materials

NOT Allowable Uses:

- ✗ Administrative Overhead
- ✗ Third-party contractor services



Funding Schedule:

School districts receive **25% of the grant in October, 25% in January**, and the **remainder by April**.



Reporting Requirements:

For school districts receiving SEED grants over \$10,000, **detailed expenditure reports** must be submitted annually.

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