

Arts and Foreign Language Assistance Grants Program

The Arts and Foreign Language Assistance Grants Program (AFL) was established in 2006 by section 2-3.65 of the school code (105 ILSC 5/2-3.65). It enables the Illinois Arts Council Agency (IACA) and the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to provide grants to school districts and other eligible applicants for the purpose of supporting arts and foreign language education in schools, with an emphasis on ensuring that these areas become part of the school's core curriculum.

Funding is available for each area for up to four years, with one year of planning and three years of implementation. The one-year planning grant is to develop district-based plans for initiating, strengthening, or expanding instruction in the arts or foreign language. The three-year implementation grant is to introduce, strengthen, or expand instruction in the arts or foreign language and to develop means of perpetuating the funded program with local resources after the conclusion of the grant period.

AFL has provided funds to near a hundred school districts across the state and has resulted in the expansion and creation of:

- world language exploration courses
- pre-professional courses in the graphic arts, commercial art, illustration and advanced placement
- world drumming courses, multicultural music and art, and cross-curricular materials
- digital photography class
- new courses in Chinese and Arabic and continuing programs in Spanish, French and German
- new faculty positions
- new programs in dance and movement
- theater instruction and productions
- new district wide curricular and assessment standards
- guitar instruction and jazz ensembles

Additionally, schools have used funds to purchase:

- technological, curricular and resource materials
- professional seminars and conference registrations
- class supplies, musical instruments and computer software
- artist-in-residence services

Historically, grants awarded have been up to \$40,000 for planning projects and up to \$100,000 for year one of implementation. AFL programs in Illinois schools have increased student participation, encouraged broad cross-curricular faculty interaction, opened doors for new relationships with artists and professionals and strengthened ties within the community.

To find the latest information, consult the AFL web pages or contact:

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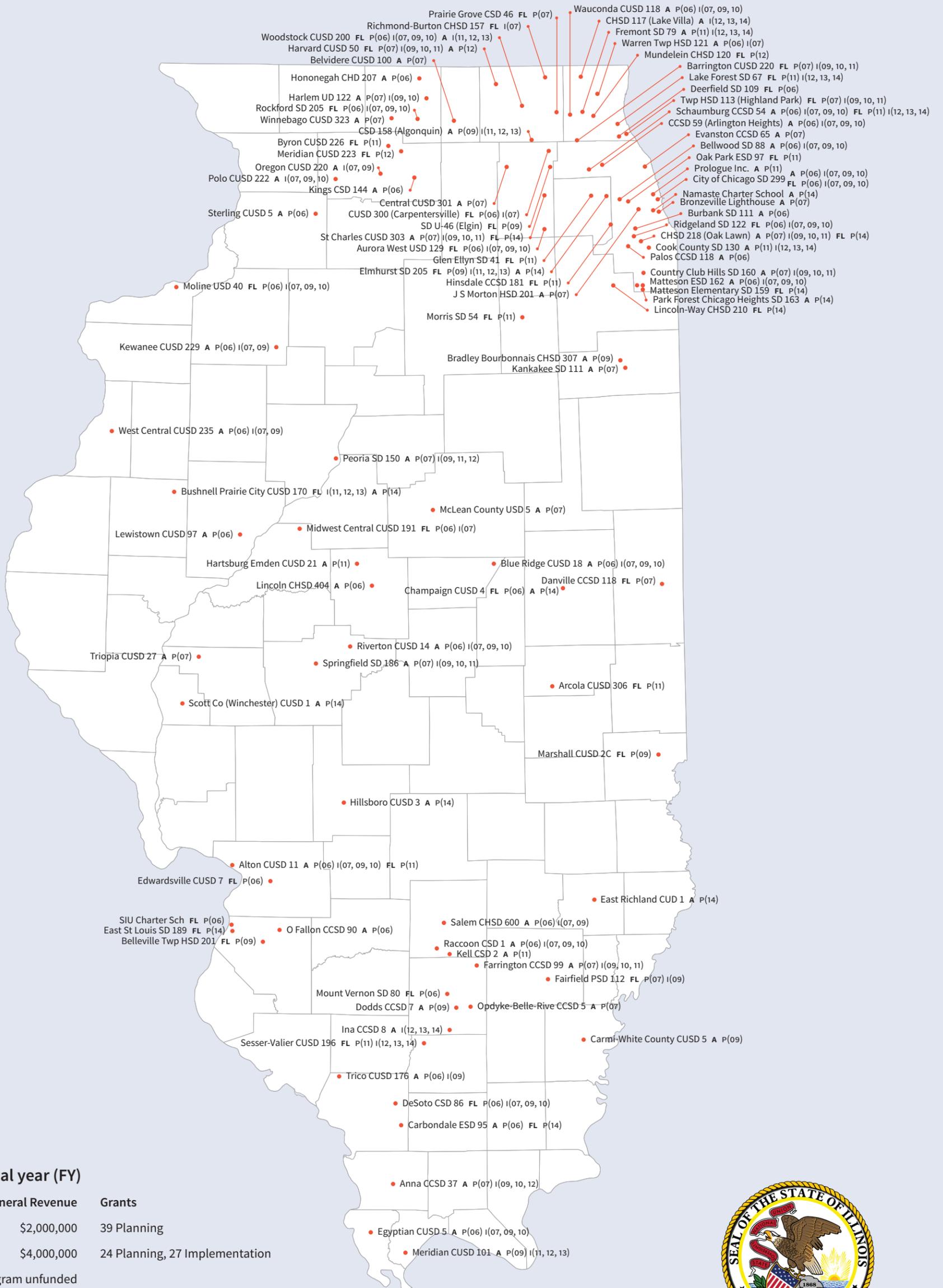
IACA > Grant Opportunities > Arts & Foreign Language: www.arts.illinois.gov/AFL

ISBE > College and Career Readiness > Arts & Foreign Language: www.isbe.net/arts-fl/

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Planning and implementation grants awarded since program inception in fiscal year 2006

KEY: ● School district A: Arts FL: Foreign Language P(FY): Planning (fiscal year) I(FY, FY, FY): Implementation (fiscal year one, two, three)



AFL by fiscal year (FY)

	General Revenue	Grants
FY06	\$2,000,000	39 Planning
FY07	\$4,000,000	24 Planning, 27 Implementation
FY08	Program unfunded	
FY09	\$4,000,000	9 Planning, 36 Implementation (Y1: 13, Y2: 23)
FY10	\$2,000,000	29 Implementation (Y2: 10, Y3: 19)
FY11	\$1,682,000	15 Planning, 12 Implementation (Y1: 5, Y2: 1, Y3: 8)
FY12	\$1,000,000	3 Planning, 14 Implementation (Y1: 7, Y2: 5, Y3: 2)
FY13	\$500,000	12 Implementation (Y2: 7, Y3: 5)
FY14	\$500,000	14 Planning, 7 Implementation (Y3: 7)



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