

Education Service Center of Northeast Ohio (OH) - S374A210036
Recommended Funding: \$8,957,809.00

The Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio submits this application in partnership with four LEAs: East Cleveland City Schools, Garfield Heights City Schools, Maple Heights City Schools, and Warrensville Heights City Schools. Per the Ohio Revised Code 3312.01 (D), “An educational service center shall be considered a school district or a local education agency for the purposes of eligibility in applying for any state or competitive federal grant.” Therefore, this proposal is under eligibility classification type “a,” a consortium of LEAs. The application addresses Competitive Preference Priorities 1 and 2.

NETworkED will directly impact 18 high-need schools, 50 administrators, 742 teachers, and 9,974 students. The project objectives are to: 1) Increase school leader effectiveness; 2) Increase teacher effectiveness; 3) Increase student achievement and well-being for high-need students; and 4) Create sustainable systems of constant improvement for each of the previous three objectives.

NETworkED will bring educators together into a Networked Improvement Community (NIC), allowing these small districts to benefit from the support and resources that would typically be found in a large district. This project builds upon the districts’ current HCMS—putting effective, aligned human capital systems in place across the districts so that schools in the network can improve individually and collectively. By focusing on the greatest school-related influencers on student achievement—recruitment, development, support, and retention of teachers, teacher leaders, and principals—the project seeks to elevate teaching and learning in every participating school and close the achievement gap between high- and low-performing students.