



LEA APPLICATION GUIDE FOR THE CSSAIG

Computer Science Supplementary Authorization Incentive Grant

***Need authorized computer science teachers for your school or district?
Here's how your district can access funds for teachers!***

What is the Computer Science Supplemental Authorization (CSSA)?

The CSSA is an add-on K-12 authorization that provides the content and pedagogical knowledge needed to teach and/or integrate standard-aligned computer science (CS) education. While teachers with other credentials (e.g., Math, Business) are allowed to teach CS at the secondary level, the CSSA is the *only* pathway in the state that allows teachers to build the expertise needed to be a high-quality CS teacher.

As of August 2026, the [Computer Science Supplementary Authorization Incentive Grant](#) (CSSAIG) has been amended to offer more funds, require less district matching cost, and provide more flexibility in how those matching costs can be met. Follow the steps below to apply!

- 1) **Determine you meet the criteria:** only Local Education Agencies (LEA) are eligible to apply for a CSSAIG, in partnership with an IHE (Institute of Higher Education). An LEA* must lead the submission.
- 2) **Review the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) materials:** The [CTC has provided detailed requirements](#), steps, reporting expectations, and more for applicants.
- 3) **Find your partner Institution of Higher Education (IHE):** More than 25 IHE's across the state provide a CSSA for teachers. [Find and connect](#) with the one that best meets your teachers' needs. Don't see your local IHE on the list - they might still offer a program! Reach out and see!
- 4) **Develop your Application Materials:** Use these [examples and other resources](#) to build your application package for the CTC. Please note, those were developed under the previous RFP, and minor updates to the call have been made.
- 5) **Ask the CTC any questions:** The CTC can answer questions and offer feedback via their dedicated CSSAIG email: CSGrant@ctc.ca.gov
- 6) **Submit by the deadline:** Make sure your materials are in by the CTC deadline, the next round is due **October 30st, 2026 by 5pm**. Deadlines are typically once per Spring/Fall.
- 7) **Receive follow-up support:** Grantees are invited to monthly [regular CTC office hours](#) to address any questions or concerns.
- 8) **Apply for another round:** All funds must be applied for by June 2030, and spent by June 2032, so make sure you apply for additional funding rounds!

**County Offices of Education are also welcome to apply if they can meet the matching funds.*



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FAQs

Q: Can IHE's apply for the grant?

A: No, the LEAs (Districts or County Offices of Education) must apply for the grant. They will select a partner IHE that they are working with, but the LEA must be the one to submit the grant and provide reporting on the grant.

Q: Can Substitute Teacher Costs be used as part of the matching costs?

A: Yes! Under the new amendments to the grant, substitute teaching costs can be used to cover the match.

Q: Should I tell my partner IHE we're applying?

A: Yes! Make sure the IHE CSSA program coordinator knows you're applying and is involved with the process as well.

Q: Can LEA indirect costs be covered?

A: According to the CTC, indirect costs cannot be covered, **however** administrator and coordinator salaries can now be used as part of the in-kind matching, which is a change from previous rounds.

See the [Grant Call Appendix 1](#) for additional common questions and answers or contact the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) at CSGrant@ctc.ca.gov.