**Student Support and Academic Enrichment**

**Grant Opportunity**

**2022-2025**

The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI), Office of Educational Improvement and Support, invites North Dakota public schools to submit a grant application for participation in Building Assets, Reducing Risks (BARR).

**Program Summary – Building Assets, Reducing Risks (BARR)**

We are excited to announce that North Dakota schools can now apply for a competitive grant to use an evidence-based and proven solution: [BARR (Building Assets, Reducing Risks)](http://barrcenter.org). As the nation’s leading evidence-based school improvement model, BARR has been proven to increase student achievement and close gaps for students furthest from opportunity while improving school climate and culture.

BARR is a K-12 strengths-based educational model that provides schools with a comprehensive approach to meeting the academic, social, and emotional needs of all students through the power of data and relationships. With the same students and same teachers, BARR leads to better results by helping each and every student succeed through:

Three-years of professional services per school or building   
(or per district if eligible for the Rural Pricing Subscription)

* Staff training
* Ongoing professional development
* Coaching
* Curriculum
* Tools and resources
* Built in mechanisms for networking, data reporting and program sustainability

**Length of Grant**

The length of this grant requires a three-year commitment. The following school years are included:

**Year 1**: 2022-2023

**Year 2**: 2023-2024

**Year 3**: 2024-2025

**Investment**

The cost for BARR Implementation Services (a subscription) is as follows:

**Year 1:** $54,707

**Year 2**: $52,667

**Year 3**: $52,667

BARR has been proven effective in schools and districts of all size – rural, suburban and urban. We encourage districts of all sizes to apply. This grant will support one BARR subscription per district, as explained below:

**Rural Pricing Subscription:** If you are arural district, as identified by SRSA with a student population of 600 or less, you are eligible for one K-12 districtwide BARR subscription, regardless of the number of buildings to be served. This subscription will provide the district with one coach and the above-named services. If you are implementing BARR for both elementary and secondary grades, you will need an additional set of materials, which is a one-time purchase of $999.

**For all other Districts:** All other districts will have the option to participate districtwide or choose which buildings/schools they wish to serve. The grant will support the tiered matching funds for only **one BARR subscription, serving one school or building.** The district will be responsible for covering the full cost for any other participating buildings.

The grant opportunity is structured as a tiered matching funds grant. If selected, NDDPI would provide a total of $64,221 over the three years and the district would provide $95,820 over the same three year grant period (per subscription).

**Building with sustainability in mind, the funding will follow the structure outlined below:**

**NDDPI Grant Award District Matching Funds**

***Year 1****: 2022-2023 $27,354 (****50****/50)* ***Year 1****: 2022-2023 $27,353 (50****/50****)*

***Year 2****: 2023-2024 $21,067 (****40****/60)* ***Year 2****: 2023-2024 $31,600 (40/****60****)*

***Year 3****: 2024-2025 $15,800 (****30****/70)* ***Year 3****: 2024-2025 $36,867 (30/****70****)*

The tiered matching grant approach was designed with sustainability in mind. This allows your district to adjust your budgets over time. Determining how to use Federal Title funds to support your district’s outlined goals is both an art and a science due to the flexibilities within a varieties of funding streams you may receive. The following information sheet, [*Braiding Funds to* *Enhance Title IV-A Program Efficiency and Outcomes*](https://t4pacenter.ed.gov/Docs/ResourceLibrary/Braiding%20Funds%20to%20Enhance%20Title%20IV-A%20Program%20Efficiency%20and%20Outcomes.pdf?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1), outlines strategies to help maximize the impact of funds and improve student outcomes.

# Application Schedule

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| **Informational Webinar and Grant Application Released** | On or before May 5, 2022 |
| **Applications Due** | June 1, 2022 |
| **Evaluations Completed and NDDPI Notification of Selection** | June 10, 2022 |

# Contact Information

Direct all communications regarding this Funding Opportunity to the below point of contacts:

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# Submission Information

Completed Grant Application form must be submitted via email to [roclang@nd.gov](mailto:roclang@nd.gov) by June 1, 2022.