

State Deaf-Blind Fund

FY 2023 - 2024

Students who are deaf-blind often present complex and challenging educational needs. The nature of the disability is such that highly specialized technological adaptations frequently are required to allow them to benefit from an educational program. A large percentage of these students also have severe multiple disabilities. The presence of these disabilities often requires the student to have specialized positioning equipment, augmentative alternative communication devices, and accommodations that allow the students to participate in preschools, general education classrooms or community settings.

Requests for the State Deaf-Blind Funds are reviewed carefully. Approval for funding is granted when costs exceed the amount that districts are able to provide out of local and state categorical funds. Applications are approved for priority candidates from July 1 to October 31 (may vary each year depending on the number of applications submitted). After July 1, all applications will be approved on a first come, first serve basis. Funding is provided to students with severe multiple disabilities who are not on the state deaf-blind census January 1st if monies available.

State total for 2023 - 2024 allocation, 56 students in 21 local districts or cooperatives received funding. A total of 63 deaf-blind fund applications were processed. The money was used for the following purposes:

Assistive Technology	\$110,000.00
Consultants	\$0.00
Evaluation	\$0.00
Total	\$110,000.00

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Expenditures by District

Organization	Amount
C0009 Northwest KS Education Service Center	\$2,894.17
C0010 Northeast Kansas Infant Toddler Services	\$4,168.02
C0033 TARC tiny-k	\$5,289.10
C0037 Wyandotte County Infant Toddler Services	\$376.91
D0229 Blue Valley	\$9,272.95
D0233 Olathe	\$6,583.13
D0260 Derby	\$3,214.77
D0261 Haysville	\$2,257.75
D0263 Mulvane	\$2,132.41
D0321 Kaw Valley	\$399.14
D0331 Kingman - Norwich	\$612.32
D0379 Clay County	\$4,455.61
D0383 Manhattan-Ogden	\$8,326.89
D0437 Auburn-Washburn	\$635.11
D0497 Lawrence	\$8,595.36
D0501 Topeka Public Schools	\$28,720.22
D0706 Flint Hills Special Ed. Cooperative	\$605.00
D0708 Hays West Central KS Special Ed. Coop.	\$4,058.00
D0720 East Central KS Sp. Ed. Coop.	\$5,791.24
D0728 Goddard Special Education Cooperative	\$1,070.62
D0729 Maize Special Education Cooperative	\$10,541.28
TOTAL	\$110,000.00