

State Deaf-Blind Fund

FY 2024 - 2025

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 2024 - 2025 allocation, 60 students in 25 local districts or cooperatives received funding. A total of 60 deaf-blind fund applications were processed. The money was used for the following purposes:

Assistive Technology	\$109,731.00
Consultants	\$0.00
Evaluation	\$0.00
Total	\$109,731.00

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Expenditures by District

Organization	Amount
C0007 tiny-k Early Intervention - Douglas County	\$1,255.95
C0010 Northeast Kansas Infant Toddler Services	\$4,943.12
C0021 Leavenworth County Infant Toddler Services	\$673.90
C0033 TARC tiny-k	\$1,648.47
C0037 Wyandotte County Infant Toddler Services	\$5,173.20
D0229 Blue Valley	\$7,881.65
D0233 Olathe	\$1,109.34
D0261 Haysville	\$3,846.70
D0286 Chautauqua Co Community	\$3,000.00
D0290 Ottawa	\$3,275.29
D0294 Oberlin	\$2,720.80
D0321 Kaw Valley	\$2,334.62
D0360 Caldwell	\$899.98
D0377 Atchison Co Comm Schools	\$3,350.00
D0379 Clay County	\$3,556.55
D0412 Hoxie Community Schools	\$3,795.00
D0434 Santa Fe Trail	\$1,399.99
D0449 Easton	\$144.95
D0469 Lansing	\$3,757.26
D0497 Lawrence	\$26,754.99
D0501 Topeka Public Schools	\$15,707.41
D0708 Hays West Central KS Special Ed. Coop.	\$3,305.76
D0718 Harvey Co. Sp. Ed. Coop.	\$3,084.96
D0720 East Central KS Sp. Ed. Coop.	\$3,356.29
D0729 Maize Special Education Cooperative	\$2,754.82
TOTAL	\$109,731.00