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Adjusted Allocation: 0.00
Remaining: -39,459.00
Applicants shall respond to the prompts or questions in the areas listed below in a narrative form.

**A) APPLICANT INFORMATION - General Information, Experience and Capacity**

1. **Project Title:** Phone System Upgrade

2. Executive summary: Provide an executive summary of your project proposal and which goal(s) in question 9 you seek to achieve. Please limit your responses to no more than three sentences.

   The district plans to upgrade its phone system to a Voice Over IP system.

   476. 3. Total Students Impacted:

4. Lead applicant primary contact: - Provide the following information:

   First Name, last Name of contact for lead applicant: Jaime Pearson
   Organizational name of lead applicant: Old Fort Local Schools
   Unique Identifier (IRN/Fed Tax ID): 049726
   Address of lead applicant: 7635 North County Road 51, Old Fort, OH 44861
   Phone Number of lead applicant: 419-892-4291 ext. 104
   Email Address of lead applicant: jpearson@oldfortschools.org

5. Secondary applicant contact: - Provide the following information, if applicable:

   First Name, last Name of contact for secondary applicant: N/A
   Organizational name of secondary applicant: N/A
   Unique Identifier (IRN/Fed Tax ID): N/A
   Address of secondary applicant: N/A
   Phone number of secondary applicant: N/A
   Email address of secondary applicant: N/A

6. List all other participating entities by name: Provide the following information for each additional participating entity, if applicable: Mention First Name, Last Name, Organizational Name, Unique Identifier (IRN/Fed Tax ID), Address, Phone Number, Email Address of Contact for All Secondary Applicants in the box below.

   N/A

7. Partnership and consortia agreements and letters of support: - (Click on the link below to upload necessary documents).

   - Letters of support are for districts in academic or fiscal distress only. If school or district is in academic or fiscal distress and has a commission assigned, please include a resolution from the commission in support of the project.
   - If a partnership or consortium will be established, please include the signed Straight A Description of Nature of Partnership or Description of Nature of Consortium Agreement.

   UploadGrantApplicationAttachment.aspx

8. Please provide a brief description of the team or individuals responsible for the implementation of this project including relevant experience in other innovative projects. You should also include descriptions and experiences of partnering entities.

   The district currently contracts with the North Central Ohio Educational Service Center for technology management. Their team will be purchasing and implementing the new technology. The Treasurer of the District, Jaime Pearson, will oversee the proper allocation and use of the Grant funds for this project.

**B) PROJECT DESCRIPTION - Overall description of project and alignment with Outcomes**

9. Which of the stated Straight A Fund goals does the proposal aim to achieve? - (Check all that apply)

   - Student achievement
   - Spending reductions in the five-year fiscal forecast
   - Utilization of a greater share of resources in the classroom

10. Which of the following best describes the proposed project? - (Select one):

    - New - never before implemented
    - Existing and researched-based - never implemented in your district or community school but proven successful in other educational environments
    - Mixed Concept - incorporates new and existing elements
    - Enhancing/Scale Up - elevating or expanding an effective program that is already implemented in your district, school, or consortia partnership

11. Describe the innovative project.

   The district plans to upgrade its phone system by utilizing a VOIP system. This will allow for better communication between teachers and with administration. Additionally, it will serve a greater functionality as it will provide not only phone, voicemail, and paging service, but an intercom service as well. This will work directly in conjunction with our updated safety plans allowing for “all-call” services from every phone.

12. Describe how it will meet the goal(s) selected above. - If school/district receives school improvement funds/support, include a brief explanation of how this project will advance the improvement plan.

   This will meet the goal of spending reductions due to the cost of maintaining our current system. The district spends approximately $300-$500 for every time service is required on our phone system. In addition, a cost savings will be apparent within this upgrade as the district’s technology department would be able to provide service on the equipment, thus ultimately eliminating service costs.

**C) SUSTAINABILITY - Planning for ongoing funding of the project, cost breakdown**

13. Financial Documentation - All applicants must enter or upload the following supporting information. Responses should refer to specific information in the financial documents when applicable:

   a. Enter a project budget
   b. Upload the Straight A Financial Impact Template forecasting the expected changes to the five-year forecast resulting from implementation of this project. If applying as a consortia or partnership, please include the five-year forecasts of each school district, community school or STEM school member for review.
   c. If subsection (b) is not applicable, please explain why, in addition to how the project will demonstrate sustainability and impact.

   N/A

14. What is the total cost for implementing the innovative project?

   39,459.00 * Total project cost
15. What new/recurring costs of your innovative project will continue once the grant has expired? If there are no new/recurring costs, please explain why.

0.00 * Specific amount of new/recurring cost (annual cost after project is implemented)

16. Are there expected savings that may result from the implementation of the innovative project?

1,000.00 * Specific amount of expected savings (annual)

17. Provide a brief explanation of how the project is self-sustaining. If there are ongoing costs associated with the project after the term of the grant, this explanation should provide details on the cost reductions that will be made at least equal to the amount of new/recurring costs detailed above. If there are no new/recurring costs, explain in detail how this project will sustain itself beyond the life of the grant.

This is a completely self-sustaining project and after the initial costs are paid for the equipment and installation, the district will not incur any imminent additional costs.

D) IMPLEMENTATION - Timeline, communication and contingency planning

18. Fill in the appropriate dates and an explanation of the timeline for the successful implementation of this project. In each explanation, be sure to briefly describe the largest barriers that could derail your concept or timeline for implementation and your plan to proactively mitigate such barriers. In addition, the narrative should list the stakeholders that will be engaged during that stage of the project and describe the communication that occurred as the application was developed.

Describe the ongoing communication plan with the stakeholders as the project is implemented. (Stakeholders can include parents, community leaders, foundation support and businesses, as well as educational personnel in the affected entities.)

* Proposal Timeline Dates

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19. Describe the expected changes to the instructional and/or organizational practices in your institution.

This project will allow for greater communication among within the district. Not only will it more efficiently handle routine calls and room to room paging, it has the potential to completely replace the aged intercom system. Repairs to both the phone and intercom are becoming increasingly difficult to find replacement parts as both systems are technologically obsolete. Additionally, in adherence to our safety protocols, this new system will streamline our communication within the entire district and appropriate resources as needed.

E) SUBSTANTIAL IMPACT AND LASTING VALUE - Impact, evaluation and replication

20. Describe the rationale, research or past success that supports the innovative project and its impact on student achievement, spending reduction in the five-year fiscal forecast or utilization of a greater share of resources in the classroom.

Communication and efficiency are a key components in the success of school systems. It allows for continuity among the district and a greater understanding and immediate knowledge of what is occurring in the district. It would also allow for direct communication during an urgent or emergency situation without the current concerns of inefficiency and disruption.

21. Is this project able to be replicated in other districts in Ohio?

Yes

22. If so, how?

The district feels that any district could benefit from enhanced communication throughout the district.

23. Describe the substantial value and lasting impact that the project hopes to achieve.

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24. What are the specific benchmarks related to the fund goals identified in question 9 that the project aims to achieve in five years? Include any other anticipated outcomes of the project that you hope to achieve that may not be easily benchmarked.

Ultimately, the district intends to cut costs by as much as $1,000 each year in maintenance of our current system.

25. Describe the plan to evaluate the impact of the concept, strategy or approaches used.

* Include the method by which progress toward short- and long-term objectives will be measured. (This section should include the types of data to be collected, the formative outputs and outcomes and the systems in place to track the program's progress).

* Include the method, process and/or procedure by which the program will modify or change the program plan if measured progress is insufficient to meet program objectives.

By virtue of applying for the Straight A Fund, all applicants agree to participate in the overall evaluation of the Straight A Fund for the duration of the evaluation timeframe. The Governing Board of the Straight A Fund reserves the right to conduct evaluation of the plan and request additional information in the form of data, surveys, interviews, focus groups, and any other related data to the legislature, governor, and other interested parties for an overall evaluation of the Straight A Fund.

PROGRAM ASSURANCES: I agree, on behalf of this applicant agency and/or all identified partners to abide by all assurances outlined in the Assurance section of the CCIP. In the box below, enter "I Accept" and indicate your name, title, agency/organization and today's date.

I Accept

Jaime L Pearson

Treasure Old Fort Local Schools

10/24/2013