

## **Rhode Island Registered Apprenticeship Principal Program (RIRAPP)**

### **Q & A**

#### **Q: What is a registered apprenticeship?**

**A:** Registered Apprenticeship is an industry-driven, high-quality career pathway where employers can develop and prepare their future workforce, and individuals can obtain paid work experience, receive progressive wage increases, classroom instruction, and a portable, nationally recognized credential (Apprenticeship USA, 2024).

#### **Q: What are the benefits of a principal apprenticeship?**

**A:** Apprenticeships have numerous benefits, including the following:

- Apprentices gain hands-on experience as assistant principals
- Apprentices “earn and learn” as an assistant principal
- Apprenticeships complete a preparation program from a state-approved preparation program that leads to eligibility for PK-12 Building-Level Administrator Certification

#### **Q: What is the RIRAPP Planning Grant?**

**A:** The Planning Grant is intended to fuel the initial planning and development of the RIRAPP. The Rhode Island Department of education will award a \$7,500 planning grant, on a competitive basis, to Educator Preparation Providers (EPPs) to support the development of a proposal for a Registered Apprenticeship, PK-12 Building-Level Administrator certificate program.

#### **Q: Who can apply for a Planning Grant?**

**A:** All in-state, approved Educator Preparation Providers are eligible to apply. EPPs do not need to have a current PK-12 Building-Level Administrator certificate program at the time of application.

#### **Q: Can two EPPs apply together?**

**A:** An EPP may choose to partner with another EPP. In this case, the EPPs must specify the amount of Planning Grant funds requested and detail how they will be allocated. For partnering EPPs, the institutional leadership signature page of the application must be fully completed, identifying the personnel at each EPP that will be part of the planning process.

#### **Q: What is the timeline for the RIRAPP?**

4/22/2024: Planning Grant Application released

4/22/2024: Question Submissions Open

4/30/2024: Question Submissions Close

5/3/2024: Answers posted

5/24/2024: Planning Grant Application electronic submission due

6/21/2024: Planning Grant Award notification

7/29/2024: Planning Grant Award disbursed

9/30/2024: RIRAPP Proposal due

10/31/2024: RIRAPP Award notification

**Q: Who do I contact with questions?**

**A:** Please submit any questions to [this form](#) by 4/30/2024. Any questions received will be posted and answered on the RIDE website as an addendum to this solicitation by 5/3/2024.