HISTORY OF THE SLDS GRANT PROGRAM

Expanding States' Capacity for Data-Driven Decisionmaking

The Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems (SLDS) Grant Program helps states and territories make informed decisions to improve student learning and outcomes by designing, building, maintaining, and expanding P-20W+ (early childhood through workforce) longitudinal data systems. Since its establishment with the Education Technical Assistance Act of 2002, the program has awarded more than $700 million in six rounds of competitive grants. State education agencies in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories are eligible to apply for SLDS grants.

Evolving to Meet Growing Information Needs

Over time, the focus of the SLDS Grant Program has expanded to reflect states' progress in building and using data systems to support a variety of education and workforce policy and program decisions.
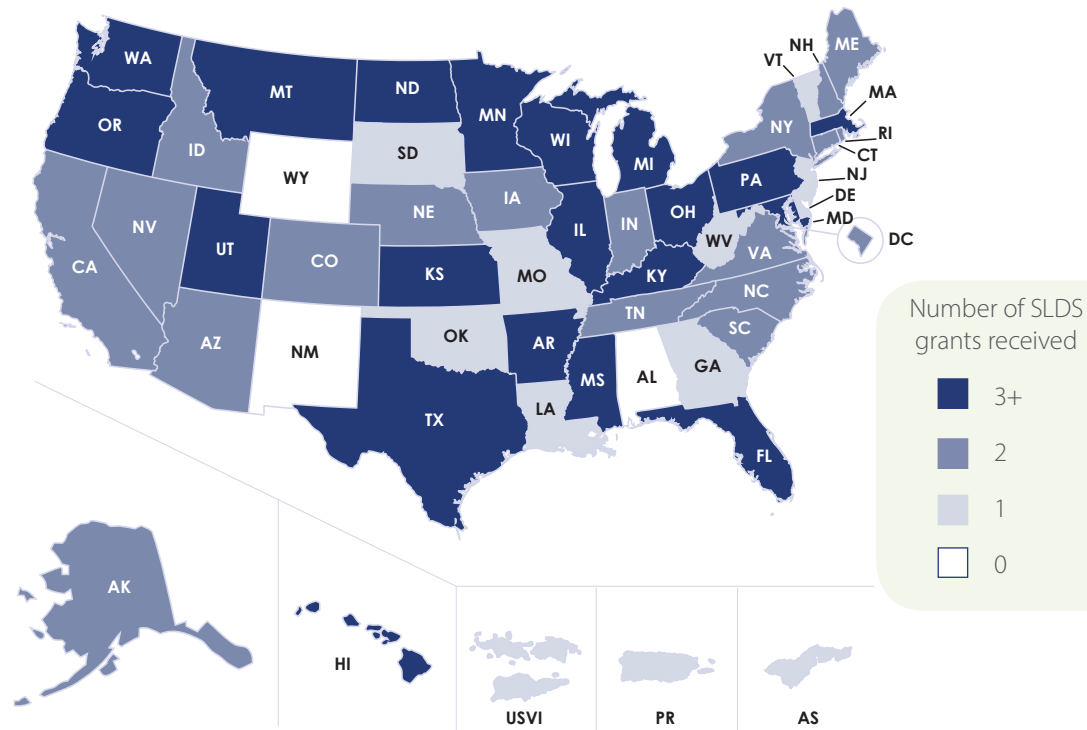
Areas of Focus for SLDS Grant Rounds	2005	2007	2009	2010 ARRA	2012	2015
Integrating K12 Data	●	●	●	●	+	
Integrating Early Childhood Data			+	●	+	
Integrating Postsecondary Data			+	●	+	
Integrating Workforce Data			+	●	+	
Creating a Teacher–Student Data Link			+	●		
Data Use						●

● *Required focus area*   + *Optional or additional focus area*

51

state and territory grantees

$721 million

in total grants awarded

Number of SLDS grants received

- 3+
- 2
- 1
- 0

SLDS Grants Over Time

2005
14 grantees

$3.7M average award

Grant Focus

K12 data

2007
13 grantees

$4.8M average award

Grant Focus

K12 data

2009
27 grantees
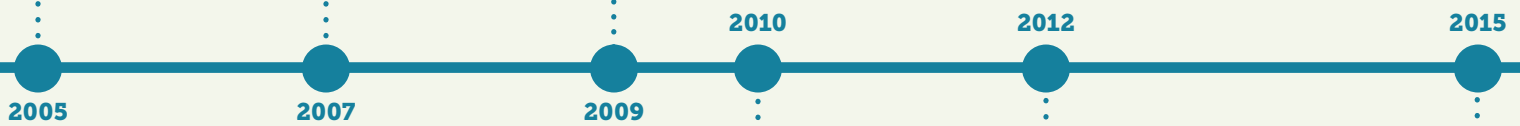
$5.6M average award

Grant Focus

K12 data **plus** one of the following:

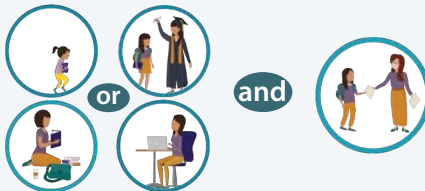- Prekindergarten data;
- Postsecondary data; or
- Workforce data

  or

- Teacher–student data link

Timeline: 2005 — 2007 — 2009 — 2010 — 2012 — 2015

2010
American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA)

20 grantees

$12.5M average award

Grant Focus

- Prekindergarten data;
- K12 data;
- Postsecondary data; or
- Workforce data

  and

- Teacher–student data link

2012
24 grantees

$4.1M average award

Grant Focus

- Prekindergarten data;
- K12 data;
- Postsecondary data; or
- Workforce data

2015
16 grantees

$6.5M average award

Grant Focus

Data use in **one** or **two** of the following areas:

- Fiscal equity and return on investment
- Educator talent management
- Early learning
- College and career
- Evaluation and research
- Instructional support

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