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.

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- **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

2010
- 24 grantees
- $12.5M average award
- Grant Focus
  - Prekindergarten data;
  - K12 data;
  - Postsecondary data; or
  - Workforce data
  or
  - 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