

Division of Financial and
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April 4, 2023

Dear Superintendent Martin-Knox,

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (department) is pleased to inform you that Raytown C-2 is the awardee of the Immediate Responsive Services Grant (IRSG) in the amount of \$82,947.00. The purpose of the IRSG is to increase student access to mental health resources. This will be accomplished through the plan you have articulated in your grant application and possibly additional correspondence with the department. IRSG is funded through the American Rescue Plan Act – Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ARP-ESSER III). By accepting the funds, Raytown C-2 agrees to follow state and federal statute and regulation regarding the uses of funds and reporting.

IRSG has pre-award costs for allowable uses beginning March 1, 2023. All funds must be obligated by September 30, 2024 and must be invoiced to the department by October 31, 2024. Please review the [guidance document](#) for detailed information regarding allowable expenses, reimbursement, financial coding, and reporting. As stated in the guidance document, IRSG will be administered via the department's web application, Electronic Plan and Electronic Grant System (ePeGS). Please ensure the appropriate staff has access to ePeGS to be able to complete the budget and enter the payment requests.

For questions regarding this grant program, contact Lisa Dierking, Coordinator of School-Based Mental Health at Lisa.Dierking@dese.mo.gov or 573-522-4038. If you wish to decline the acceptance of this grant, please contact Lisa Dierking by April 14, 2023. For more information regarding funding, please contact Andrea Powell, Director in Federal Relief Programs, at Andrea.Powell@dese.mo.gov or 573-751-0822.

Sincerely,



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Assistant Commissioner
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