**Section 70.70 Application Content and Approval Criteria for Continuation Programs**

a) A partnership that has received implementation funding for a group of individuals shall be subject to the requirements of this Section with respect to continued funding for that group in subsequent years.

1) The partnership shall submit an application for continued funding for the candidates enrolled in the program, using a format specified by the State Superintendent of Education.

2) Each application shall contain a mid-year report on the current status of the program and the candidates, documenting the activities and support provided to date and describing the degree to which the candidates are achieving the program's objectives.

3) Each application shall provide an updated narrative description of the objectives, activities, timelines, and evaluation procedures for the renewal year, relating the proposed plan of work to the results that have been achieved to date.

4) Each application shall include updated budget information for the renewal year, including a detailed budget breakdown, that describes any needed variances from the budget proposed in the initial year of funding.

5) Each application shall include any certifications and assurances as the State Superintendent of Education may require.

b) The State Superintendent of Education shall, contingent upon appropriation of funds for this initiative, provide continuation funding to a partnership that demonstrates:

1) success in providing the supports necessary to retain candidates in the program; and

2) Either:

A) that a majority of the candidates in the group served has completed coursework or other requirements for educator licensure during at least one semester of the preceding year; or

B) that funds will be used to support only those candidates who have progressed toward educator licensure and/or have identified steps to be taken toward educator licensure in the academic year in which funding is requested.

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