

Commissioner Guidance on Compact Program Funding

Purpose

This document provides guidance to member states who need to obtain legislative funding for oversight and implementation of their Compact programs.

Background

- The Compact was statutorily passed by all fifty states and the District of Columbia.
- While 42/49 (86%) of Compact Commissioners are employed by an executive office, state department, state board of education, a school district or school; 8/49 (14%) are self-employed or retired.
- As most states cover the full cost of the operations through the employer, some self-employed/retired Commissioners may pay for their expenses out of pocket.
- As the Compact is in statute, state legislatures should allocate funding to cover basic program and commissioner expenses to oversee program implementation.

What kind of funding and resources should states provide?

- While each state may vary in need and cost, general fiscal program costs should include:
 - **Office supplies** - Office supplies (i.e. printer/ink, paper, envelopes, folders)
 - **Meeting expenses** - Room rental, audio-visual rental, meeting meals or snacks
 - **Printing** - Photocopying for meetings and presentations
 - **Postage** - Mailing Compact materials to the State Council, district superintendents & school administration and personnel
 - **Travel** - Commissioner travel: Air transportation or automobile mileage and tolls to travel to and from state council meetings; to conduct Compact training for districts, school personnel and parents; conduct in-person meetings with state council members, military representatives, and school liaison officers. These expenses may also include parking fees, rental car fees, lodging and meals.
 - **Access to Virtual Meeting Platform** – to schedule virtual state council meetings (i.e. Zoom).

Estimated budget

Item	Projected Cost		
	Low	Mid	High
Office Supplies	\$ 150	\$ 750	\$ 1,500
Meeting Expense	\$ 250	\$1,250	\$ 2,500
Printing	\$ 100	\$ 500	\$ 1,000
Postage	\$ 100	\$ 500	\$ 1,000
Travel	\$ 400	\$2,000	\$ 4,000
TOTAL	\$1,000	\$5,000	\$ 10,000

Note: State may vary in need and cost.

Next Steps

- Interested states should discuss the guidance and estimated budget with their respective state councils to determine need and cost specific to that state.
- State councils should determine the best option(s) to seek funding.
 - As all state councils include representatives from both the Senate and House, Commissioners are encouraged to engage and work with their elected officials.
 - As the state council also includes a representative from the state department of education, it may also be feasible to engage the Commissioner of Education to request a line-item funding for the Compact in their budget.
 - Funding may be obtained from multiple sources, or sponsorship/donations may be an option. Note: MIC3 is a quasi-governmental organization and is not a non-profit. Therefore tax receipts are not able to be provided.

For more information or assistance, contact the MIC3 National Office at mic3info@csg.org or 859-244-8000.