**Section 565.160 Allocation of Funds**

a) The State Superintendent of Education shall approve initial applications for funding and make final determinations regarding the amounts to be provided based upon the total funds appropriated for this initiative, the amounts necessary to fund the top-ranked proposals, and the need to distribute the benefits of class size reduction on a statewide basis. It is expected that approximately one-third of the funding available for programs under this Subpart B will be allocated within the City of Chicago, one-third within the balance of Cook County and the counties of DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will, and one-third within the remainder of the State.

b) It is the intention of the State Board of Education to approve funding for projects under this Part for a three-year period. Funding for the second and third years shall be contingent upon the availability of funds for the program and evidence presented in renewal proposals that the projects have been implemented in accordance with the approved grant agreements and that the recipients continue to need additional State resources in order to maintain average class sizes of 15 or lower within the designated grades.

c) A district that has received three years' funding under this Subpart B may subsequently apply as a new applicant.