

Education Excellence Fund (EEF) 2021-2022

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Housekeeping
- **■** EEF Funding Overview
- Accessing eGMS Security and Grantee Requirements
- EEF Application Overview
- EEF Reporting
- Questions



Introductions and Housekeeping

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 - ∘EEF Team
- Housekeeping
 - Please mute all phone lines
 - Please mute all computer mics
 - oPlace all questions in the chat box





EEF Funding



Overview of EEF Funds

- "Tobacco Money"
- Louisiana Revised Statute (LRS) 39:98.1 39.98.5
- Subpart E: Tobacco Settlement Proceeds
- Part of Millennium Trust created in 1999
- Purpose: to support "excellence in educational practice"



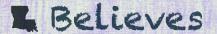
About EEF Funds

- Funds never expire
- Unspent funds carry over to the following year
- Recipients can choose to:
 - Apply for all funds available
 - Apply for only some of the funds available
 - Not apply for any of the funds and allow funds to rollover to the following year



Use of EEF Funds

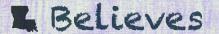
- Once the legislature approves the applications, recipients are "paid" the full amount "up front."
- No reimbursement requests (RRs) are required. *One Final periodic* expenditure report (PER), also referred to as the 6/30 PER is required.
- Recipients can expend EEF funds throughout the year on the activities described in their plan.



EEF Program Requirements

Pre-kindergarten - 12 Grade instructional enhancements for students, including:

- Early childhood education programs focused on enhancing the preparation of at-risk;
- Remedial instruction and assistance to children who fail to achieve required scores on any tests required for advancement to a succeeding grade; and
- Other educational programs approved by the legislature



Acceptable Uses of EEF Funds

- Benchmark Assessment
- Curriculum Development/Alignment
- Early Childhood
- Educational Technology
- Family Involvement
- Instructional Supplies
- Teacher Quality
- Positive Behavior Support
- Remediation



Prohibited Use of Funds

EEF funds **cannot** be used for:

- Expenditures for maintenance or renovation of buildings
- Capital improvements
- Increases in employees' salaries
- Supplanting any state general fund or locally generated revenue
- Sectarian/religious purposes

eGMS Overview



- Electronic Grants Management System (eGMS)
- Education Excellence Fund (EEF) Application

eGMS Requirements





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Security Coordinator

Nonpublic Responsibilities:

- Request form from Julia DeSimone
- Complete sections 1 thru 3 of the eGMS
 Security Request Form
- Submit completed form to:

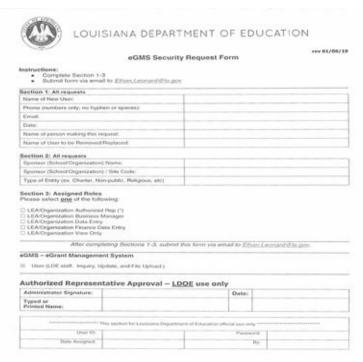
Julia.Desimone@la.gov

The Security Coordinator:

Assigns passwords

Grants access to parts of the application

Assist in changing passwords





eGMS Access Security Request

School Systems should:

- Have an assigned Security Coordinator
- Contact Security Coordinator if additional staff needs access

To find out who your Security Coordinator is:

Click on Forgot Password on the Logon Page





eGMS Access Security Request

- This will prompt you to the Password Reset System
- You will then click on the dropdown menu and select your site
- Then select Help
- Your Security Coordinator's name and contact information will then appear on the

right in the yellow box



Enter your User ID in the box to the left labeled User ID and then click the Next button.



eGMS Access Security Request

- School Systems/Charters will have to request access from their Security Coordinator listed in the yellow box from the previous slide.
- Non-LEAs will need to send a request to <u>Julia.DeSimone@la.gov</u> and request an eGMS Security Access form. Once the form has been filled out appropriately, Julia DeSimone will set the required access and forward that person their username and temporary password.
- Once you receive your credentials, you will login and change your temporary password.
- Your password expires every 30 days. After three (3) failed attempts, your account will be locked and you will need to request an unlock from your Security Coordinator.



SAM and DUNS Instructions

SAM: Your school system must have a current <u>SAM account registration</u> in order to receive federal funds. Failure to keep your SAM registration current could delay or limit access to funds for your school system.

DUNS: Your school system must have a current <u>DUNS</u> number in order to receive federal funds. Failure to keep your DUNS number current could delay or limit access to funds for your school system. If your school system does not yet have a DUNS number, or no one knows it, visit the <u>Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) Website</u> or call 1-866-705-5711 to register or search for a DUNS number. Further information about the process for obtaining a DUNS number is available at <u>Grants.gov (Step 1: Obtain a DUNS Number)</u>.



SAM and DUNS

eGMS Requirement:

• **SAM** SM expiration date

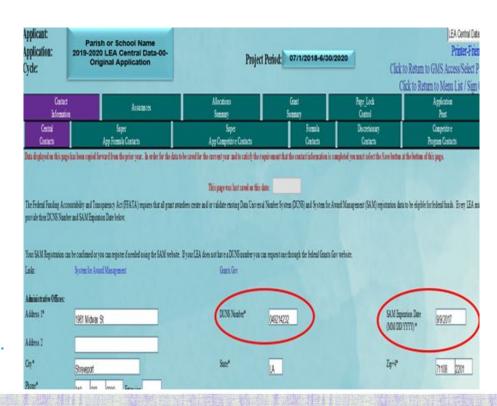
(System for Award Management)

https://uscontractorregistration.com

DUNS®Number

(Data Universal Number System)

Grants.gov (Step 1: Obtain a DUNS Number).





SAM and **DUNS**

For additional help with getting your DUNS® number or registering with SM SAM , contact:
Grants Management Help Desk @

LDOE.GrantsHelpdesk@la.gov







Accessing the eGrant Management System (eGMS)

- Go to https://www.louisianabelieves.com
- •Click the Funding tab at the top on the right



Accessing the eGrant Management System (eGMS)

At the bottom of the page under Grants
 Management, click eGMS

Bookmark eGrant or save it as a shortcut



Grants Management

eGMS (will open in new tab)

Grant Award Program (GAP)

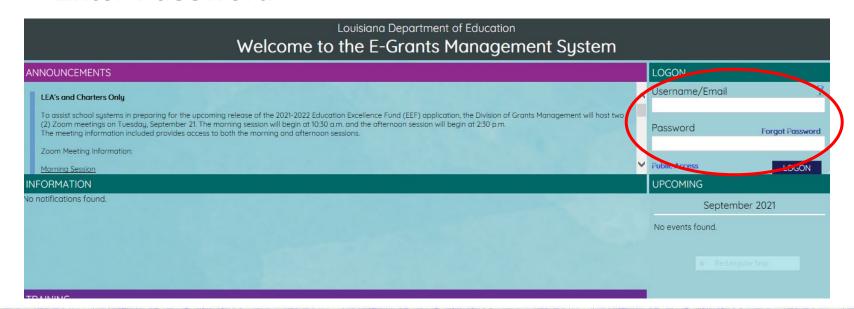
eGrant Management System (eGMS)

https://egmsp.doe.louisiana.gov/LDEGMSWeb/Logon.aspx



eGMS - Logon Page

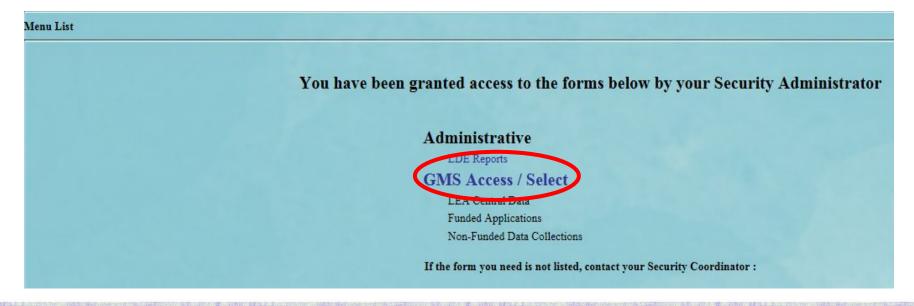
- Enter User Name
- Enter Password





eGMS - Main Menu

- Main menu shows page that you have been given access to
- Click on GMS Access/Select





eGMS - LEA Central Data

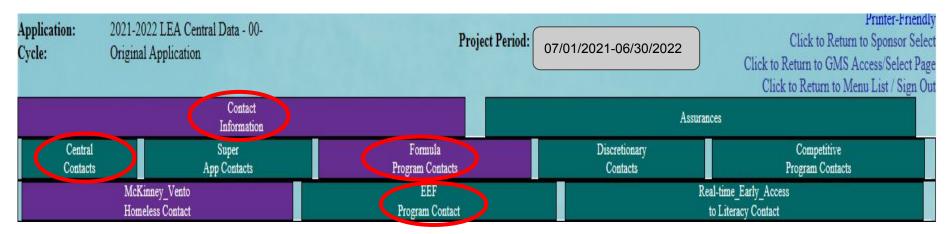
- Go to LEA Central Data
- Click Create or Open



eGMS - Contact Information

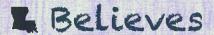
Click on Contact Information and complete the forms under these tabs:

- Central Contacts
- EEF Program Contact



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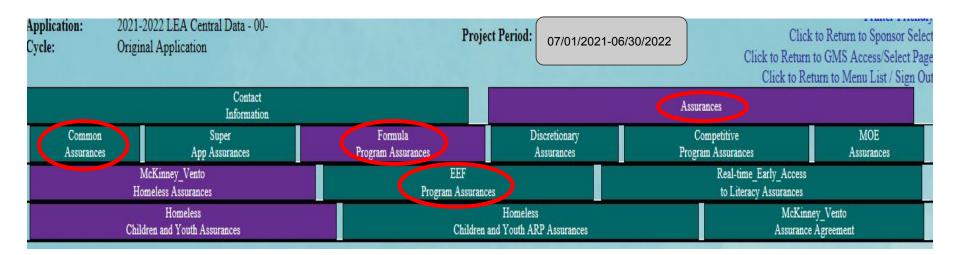




eGMS - Assurances

Click on Assurances and complete the forms under these tabs:

- Common Assurances
- EEF Program Assurances





eGMS - EEF Application



EEF - The Big Picture

- Recipients login to eGMS to create, complete and submit their applications
- LDOE staff reviews completed applications and submits request to Legislature for approval of applications
- Legislature approves release of EEF funds to recipients
- LDOE informs recipients that their applications have received final approval and makes payments directly to recipients for amount requested
- Recipients carry out activities
- Recipients report on those activities in the following year's application using the Evaluation Report form in eGMS



eGMS - EEF Application

- Click Return to GMS Access /Select Page
- Click on Education Excellence Fund

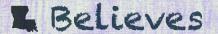




eGMS - EEF Application

The FY2022 Education Excellence Fund (EEF) application will be included under the Formula Grant section of the GMS Access Select page.





Open EEF Application





Parts of the EEF Application

- Allocations
- 2. Program Specific Expenditure Plan and Evaluation Report (pg. 1 & 2)
- 3. Budget Pages Budget Detail and Budget Summary





Allocations Tab

	EEF
Regular Account Funds - I the District chooses to withdraw funds from its Regular EEF account for the current application year, they will need to go to the Budget Detail page in this application and enter the amount of the Standard with the Wish to withdraw. The Expenditure Plan is required and will provide details for how the Recipient will expend its EEF Funds.	
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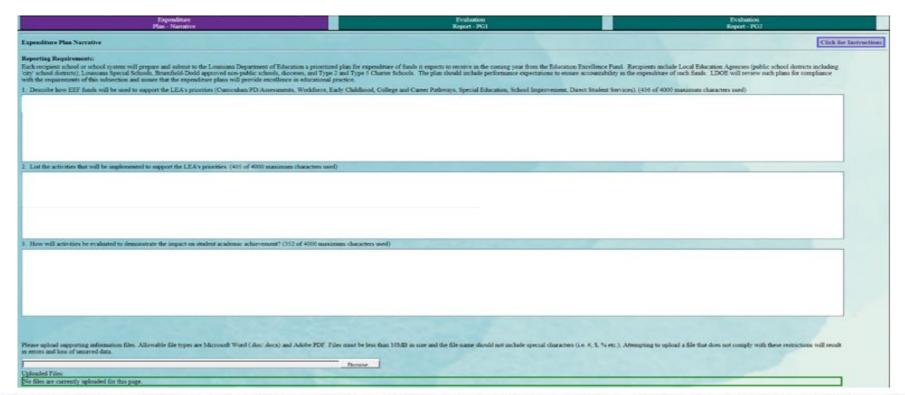
Expenditure Plan - Narrative

Each applicant must submit a plan that outlines how they will use their EEF funds for the school year. The plan should include performance expectations to ensure accountability in the expenditure of such funds. All applicants will describe how EEF funds will be used to support the LEA's priorities in one or more of the following areas:

- Curriculum/PD/Assessments,
- Workforce
- Early Childhood
- College and Career Pathways
- Special Education
- School Improvement
- Direct Student Services

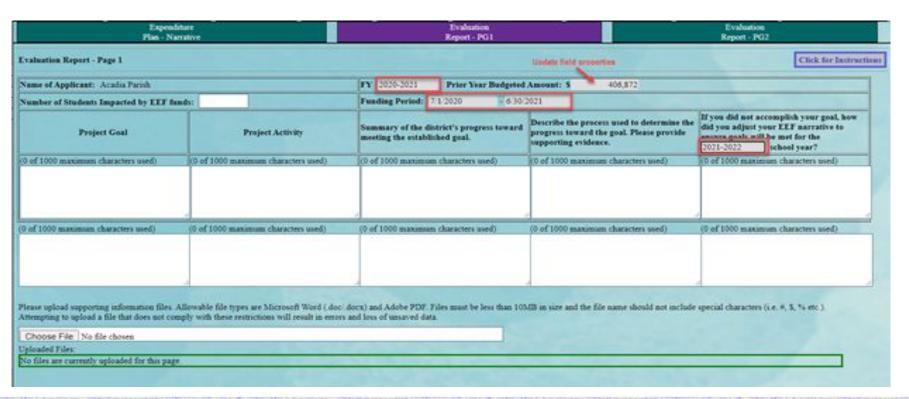


Expenditure Plan Narrative





Evaluation Report





Evaluation Report

- The Evaluation Report is completed by applicants to report how Prior Year budgeted EEF funds were used.
- Completion and submission of the Evaluation Report is required if choosing to apply for EEF funds in current year
- Uploading supporting information files is optional



Evaluation Report

"Old Money"

• If the recipient has "cash on hand" from the previous year, an Evaluation Report must be submitted in the current application.

"New Money"

• If the recipient will be using funds in the current year, then an Evaluation Report must be submitted in the following year's application.

EEF Budget

- Align items in budget with Expenditure Plan/Narrative.
- Provide detailed information (per unit cost and total number)
 when purchasing laptops, ipads, computers.
- Use the correct EIC codes.

Submit Application

- Review the application for completeness and accuracy.
- Go to Submit tab.
- Run consistency check and fix any errors.
- Submit application.



The Consistency Check must be successfully processed before you can submit the application.



EEF Timeline

FY 2021-2022 EEF Application Release	Week of September 27th
FY 2021-2022 EEF Application Due Date	Monday, October 18, 2021
Legislative Approval - Education Excellence Fund Expenditure Plans	November - December 2021
LDOE Preparation for Payments/Disbursements	December 2021 - February 2022
6/30 Periodic Expense Report (PER) due date	July 15, 2022





Questions & Answers

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