

This document outlines the grant application categories for set aside funds in the FFY18 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) draft grant application, corresponding activities that would be supported in each category, and proposed funding needs for each category. Activities outlined in this document are responsive to the needs of Louisiana’s students, educators, and families and support Louisiana’s Special Education strategic priorities of:

1. Identifying disabilities early and accurately;
2. Providing high-quality instruction to ensure the achievement of ambitious IEP goals;
3. Strengthening instruction with specialized supports and related services; and
4. Coordinating effective transition planning and implementation.

FOR OTHER STATE-LEVEL ACTIVITIES	ACTIVITIES AND DESCRIPTIONS		ENTER DOLLAR AMOUNTS
Required Activities Funds reserved under 20 U.S.C. 1411(e)(2)(A); 34 CFR §300.704 shall be used to carry out the following activities:			
For monitoring, enforcement, and complaint investigation.		h.	\$434,309
To establish and implement the mediation process required by 20 U.S.C. 1415I; 34 CFR §300.704, including providing for the cost of mediators and support personnel.		i.	\$152,650
Authorized Activities Funds reserved under 20 U.S.C. 1411(e)(2)(A); 34 CFR §300.704 may be used to carry out the following activities:			
For support and direct services, including technical assistance, personnel preparation, and professional development and training.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residency experiences and mentorships for aspiring teachers serving students with disabilities • Establishing teacher leader advisors and training opportunities with a special education focus for current educators • Regional technical assistance to support families of students with disabilities • Online tools and resources for families and community members to understand critical components of special education 	j.	\$1,573,800

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional professional development for the special education community Support for professional development of the Special Education Advisory Panel 		
To assist local educational agencies in providing positive behavioral interventions and supports and appropriate mental health services for children with disabilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educator guidance and professional development to support behavior/mental health needs of students Implementation of evidence-based behavioral interventions, supports, and strategies 	k.	\$650,000
To assist local educational agencies in meeting personnel shortages.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creating and/or expanding preparation programs in special education fields 	l.	\$500,000
To support capacity building activities and improve the delivery of services by local educational agencies to improve results for children with disabilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guidance and professional development to support teachers who support students with autism, unique communication, and complex medical needs Regional support and technical assistance for LEAs Review and recommend identification and screening tools Workforce analysis of related service providers across the state 	m.	\$3,622,883
To support paperwork reduction activities, including expanding the use of technology in the IEP process.		n.	\$0
To improve the use of technology in the classroom by children with disabilities to enhance learning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training and resources on the use of technology to support individual learning needs 	o.	\$800,000
To support the use of technology, including technology with universal design principles and assistive technology devices, to maximize accessibility to the general education curriculum for children with disabilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training and resources on the use of technology to support differentiated classroom instruction 	p.	\$800,000
Development and implementation of transition programs, including coordination of services with agencies involved in supporting the transition of children with disabilities to postsecondary activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain and establish innovative partnerships between LEAs and Institutes of Higher Education to support students with disabilities within regional communities Support leadership development and career preparation as students with 	q.	\$1,784,000

	disabilities transition from middle school to high school		
Alternative programming for children with disabilities who have been expelled from school, and services for children with disabilities in correctional facilities, children enrolled in State-operated or State-supported schools, and children with disabilities in charter schools.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special School District (SSD) Allocation: supports special education activities in the SSD (note: SSD does not receive MFP funds) 	r.	\$1,500,000
To support the development and provision of appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities, or the development and provision of alternate assessments that are valid and reliable for assessing the performance of children with disabilities, in accordance with Sections 1111(b) and 1201 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment accommodations: provides funding for the provision of accommodations on regular state assessments Alternate assessment: provides funding for the development and provision of alternate assessments 	s.	\$3,031,875
To provide technical assistance to schools and LEAs, and direct services, including direct student services described in section 1003A(c)(3) of the ESEA to children with disabilities, to schools or LEAs implementing comprehensive support and improvement activities or targeted support and improvement activities under section 1111(d) of the ESEA on the basis of consistent underperformance of the disaggregated subgroup of children with disabilities, including providing professional development to special and regular education teachers, who teach children with disabilities, based on scientifically based research to improve educational instruction, in order to improve academic achievement based on the challenging academic standards described in section 1111(b)(1) of the ESEA.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for school redesign plans that specifically address students with disabilities for schools identified as Urgent Intervention Required based on consistently low performance of the subgroup of students with disabilities 	t.	\$1,965,564
Local Educational Agency Risk Pool (20 U.S.C. 1411(e)(3)(A)): For the purpose			

<p>of assisting local educational agencies (including a charter school that is a local educational agency or a consortium of local educational agencies) in addressing the needs of high need children with disabilities, each State shall have the option to reserve for each fiscal year 10 percent of the amount of funds the State reserves for State-level activities under 20 U.S.C. 1411(e)(2)(A); 34 CFR §300.704.</p>			
<p>To establish and make disbursements from the high cost fund to local educational agencies in accordance with 20 U.S.C. 1411(e)(3) during the first and succeeding fiscal years of the high cost fund; and</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High cost pool to support additional costs associated with students with complex needs 	<p>u.</p>	<p>\$4,400,000</p>
<p>To support innovative and effective ways of cost sharing by the State, by a local educational agency, or among a consortium of local educational agencies, as determined by the State in coordination with representatives from local educational agencies, subject to 20 U.S.C. 1411(e)(3)(B)(ii) [Amount may not be more than 5% of the amount reserved for the LEA Risk Pool.].</p>		<p>v.</p>	<p>\$0</p>
<p>Establishment of High Cost Fund (20 U.S.C. 1411(e)(3)(B)(i); 34 CFR §300.704)</p>			
<p>A State shall not use any of the funds the State reserves pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1411(e)(3)(A)(i); 34 CFR §300.704, <u>but may use the funds the State reserves under 20 U.S.C. 1411(e)(1); 34 CFR §300.704, to establish and support the high cost fund.</u></p>			