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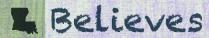


#### **Charter Finances**

Foundational Charter Workshop July 2022

# Agenda

- ESSA Maintenance of Effort
  - What are the Requirements?
  - Access to MOE applications
- IDEA Maintenance of Effort Requirements
  - IDEA MOE Allowable Exceptions
  - Local only calculations
- Fiscal Monitoring Audits
  - Scope of review
  - Required documentation



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# ESSA Maintenance of Effort Requirement

# Maintenance of Effort (MOE) - ESSA Defined



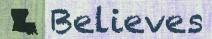
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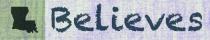
- 1. Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) MOE Verification
- MOE is completed as an application in eGMS (available in eGMS from March June 30).



# **ESSA MOE Requirement**

LDOE must determine that either the combined fiscal effort per student or the aggregate expenditure of the LEA from state and local funds for free public education in the LEA for the preceding fiscal year <u>was not less than 90%</u> of the combined fiscal effort or aggregate expenditure for the year before that or second preceding year.

- Verifies that the LEA is eligible to receive all applicable ESSA grant funds.
- A comparison of 2 years of expenditure data from the Annual Financial Report (AFR).
- Must expend at least 90% of the prior year expenditures.
- Can meet requirement in total expenditures or on a per pupil basis.



#### **ESSA MOE Verification**

Failure to Meet ESSA MOE requirement:

- ☐ LDOE reduces the amount of funds allocated under ESSA programs in the exact proportion in which an LEA fails to meet the 90% requirement.
- ☐ An LEA has to fail the ESSA MOE requirement more than once over a five year period before reductions in allocations are made.
- ☐ The LEA may opt to submit a waiver request to USDE requesting to regain the reduced grant funds. (LDOE assists in this effort)

\*There are no exceptions for ESSA MOE compliance





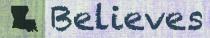
Maintenance of Effort (MOE) - ESSA Submitting on eGMS



# Gaining access to eGMS?

- Authorize user will log into eGMS.
  - User should have data entry and submission authorities for MOE.

- Check with Security Coordinator for appropriate access.
- User will select <u>GMS Access / Select</u> once signed in



#### What does this look like in eGMS?

Access the eGrants Management System

You have been granted access to the forms below by your Security Administrator

#### **LEA Reports**

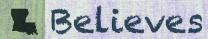
Achieve Budget by Program Super App Budget by Program

#### Monitoring

Fiscal Monitoring Program Monitoring

#### GMS Access / Select

LEA Central Data Funded Applications Non-Funded Data Collections



# Make applications available

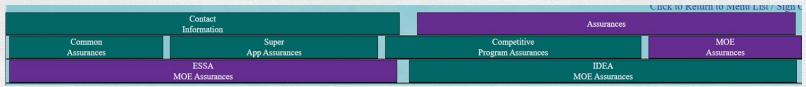
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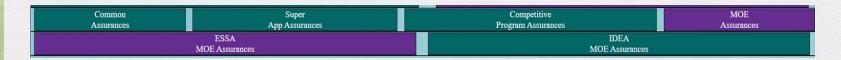


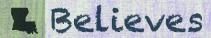
#### **Getting to MOE Assurances**

- From the GMS Access Select Page
  - 1. Click Open next to LEA Central Data
  - 2. Click "Assurances tab"



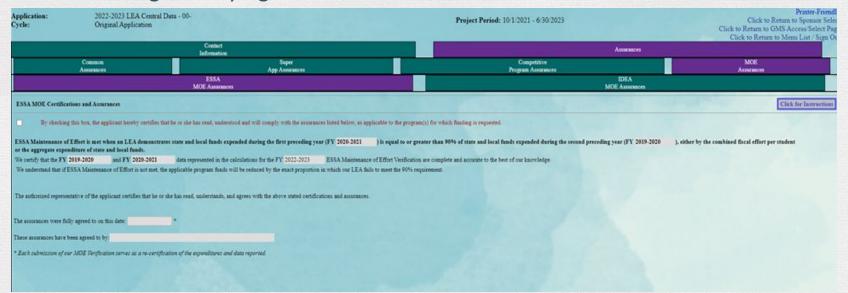
3. Click "MOE Assurances"

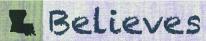




#### **Complete MOE Assurances**

- Select ESSA and IDEA MOE tabs.
- Check box to agree to data.
- Select Legal Entity Agrees button to save.





# **Creating MOE**

• Once authorize user selects "Legal Entity Agrees" button to save, return to the GMS Access/Select Page (top right corner of the screen).

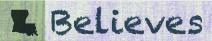


- Scroll down until you see Maintenance of Effort
  - Next to ESSA MOE Verification select "Create"

# **Complete MOE Assurances**

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#### Start Review and submission process.

- Overview of MOE
- Program Specific tab





#### **ESSA DATA**

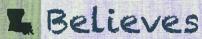
Select "Program Specific" to begin reviewing your data.



#### ESSA Calculation of data exported and Pre-populated from AFR

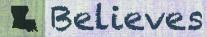
Review data and save page.





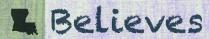
#### **ESSA Annual MOE Verification Tab**

- This page will display pre populated AFR data by KPC.
- Verify data and click save



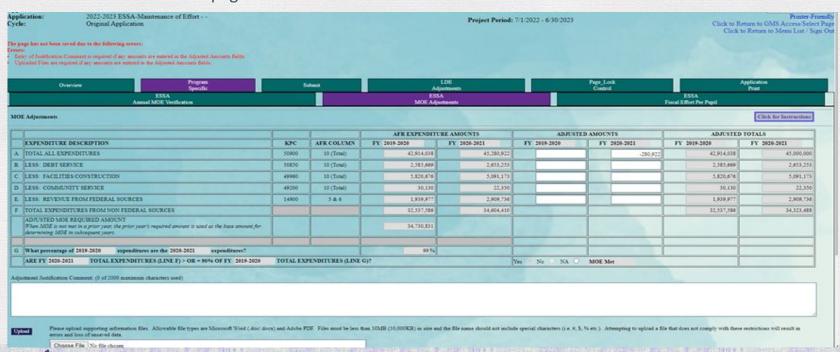
# **Adjustments to ESSA MOE**

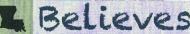
- Possible reason for adjustments:
  - Corrections made to AFR data after it has been submitted
  - Adjustments may have been determined during single audit (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report)
  - If the independent auditor determines through their audit that a reporting error occurred in one of the key punch codes used to calculate MOE, maintain documentation of that error to substantiate adjusting your expenditures for the MOE calculation
- If adjustments are made enter comments and upload supporting documentation



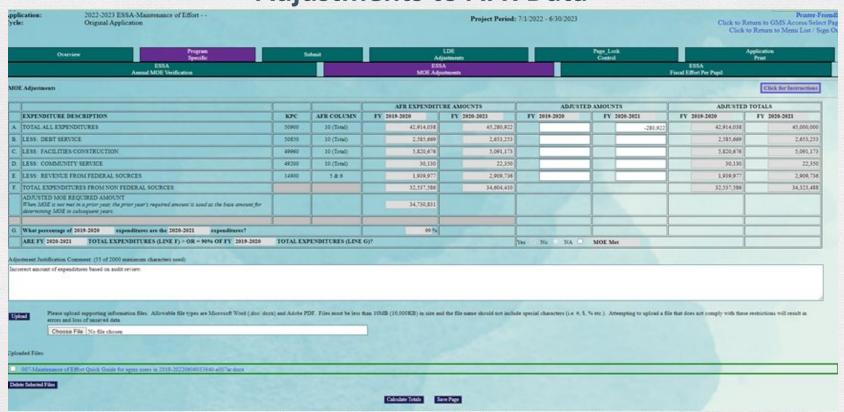
#### **Adjustments to AFR Data**

- Enter adjustment amount
- Enter comment and upload supporting documentation
- Calculate and save page



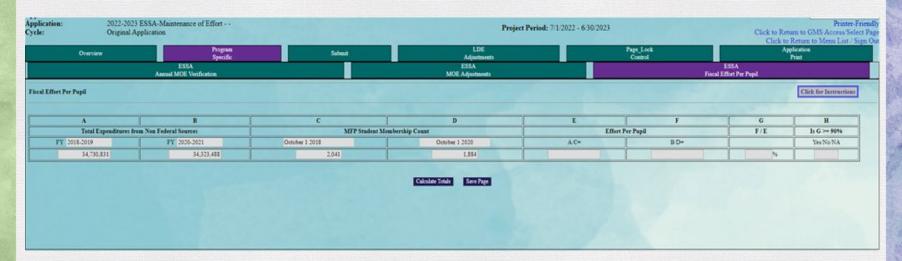


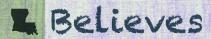
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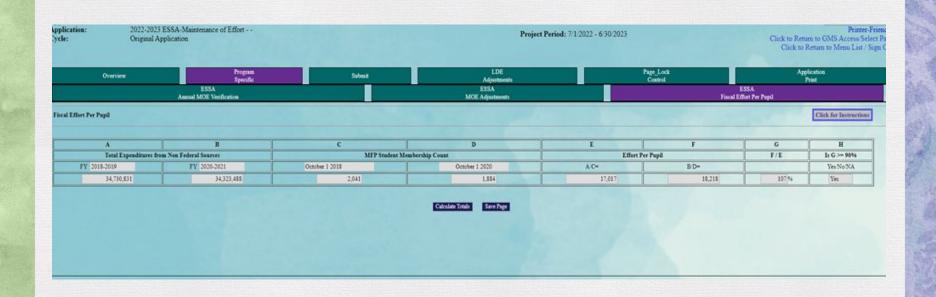


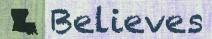


Review student counts and save page.



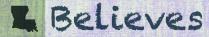






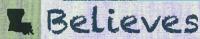
- Once data is verified save the page.
- A "Yes" or "No" will appear in Column H.

Note: The ESSA MOE verification requirement can be met in aggregate of expenditure data or by Fiscal Effort Per Pupil.



Select Submit tab.
Run consistency check and Submit to LDOE





# **Questions?**



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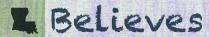


# IDEA Maintenance of Effort Requirements

# What are the MOE Requirements for IDEA?

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**IDEA Maintenance of Effort - Two Tests** 



#### **IDEA Confirmation and Verification**

Two Separate Tests in eGMS

- Confirmation Compliance standard
  - Compares actual expenditures from most recent AFR submission.
  - Confirms that the LEA has complied with the required level of spending.
- Verification Eligibility standard
  - Compares most recent AFR data to budget data for the upcoming grant year.
  - Verifies that the LEA is eligible to receive IDEA Part B grant funds.

Total expenditures must meet or exceed a prior year amount in both tests.



#### **IDEA Confirmation and Verification**

- Four (4) Methods to meet MOE requirements for IDEA:
  - 1. State and local total expenditures
  - 2. State and local per pupil effort
  - 3. Local only fund expenditures
  - 4. Local only funds per pupil effort

Only one method is needed for compliance.



#### **IDEA MOE Calculations**

#### **Failure to Meet IDEA MOE requirements**

- Confirmation Compliance standard
  - LDOE may seek to recover funds from the LEA's non-federal sources (general fund) in the same amount in which an LEA failed to meet the requirement (not to exceed the grant award amount).
- Verification Eligibility standard
  - The LEA would not be eligible to receive any IDEA Part B grant funds for the budgeted grant year.

\*IDEA MOE does not have a waiver option



# **Most Important for MOE**

Tracking





LEAs should make sure to track expenditures quarterly according to their budget to ensure that the LEA is on track to meet the required spending levels to meet MOE.

# IDEA Maintenance of Effort (MOE) - Submitting on eGMS



#### **How is MOE Submitted for Review?**

- MOE is submitted to the LDOE through an application in eGMS
  - Two Seperate Applications:
    - IDEA MOE Confirmation
    - IDEA MOE Verification
- Application is open and (available from March June 30).

#### What does IDEA MOE look like in eGMS?

#### First Steps - Access IDEA MOE Applications:

- Log in to eGMS and select GMS Access select (same as ESSA)
- Select <u>appropriate year</u> for application
  - Confirmation same year as most recent AFR submitted; this application should be available to create
  - Verification upcoming grant year starting July 1; this application becomes available when MOE assurance is completed (same as ESSA)



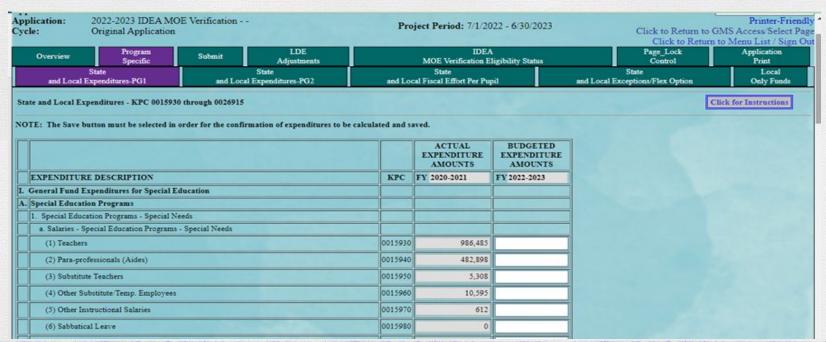
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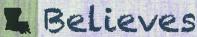
- Open application to an Overview and then select Program Specific
- IDEA Confirmation will have pre-populated data for 2 years
- IDEA Verification will have pre-populated data for 1 year



### State and Local Expenditures PG1

Enter Budgeted expenditures by KPC and save page (MOE Confirmation will have pre-populated data entered already)





### State and Local Expenditure Pg. 1

#### **IDEA MOE Verification**

- Actual Expenditure Amounts First column of data pre-populated from the IDEA MOE Confirmation and/or AFR.
- Budgeted Expenditure Amounts Second column of data requires you to enter upcoming fiscal year <u>budgeted</u> (general fund) special education related expenses.
- This page must be saved to proceed to page 2!

# **State and Local Expenditures PG2**

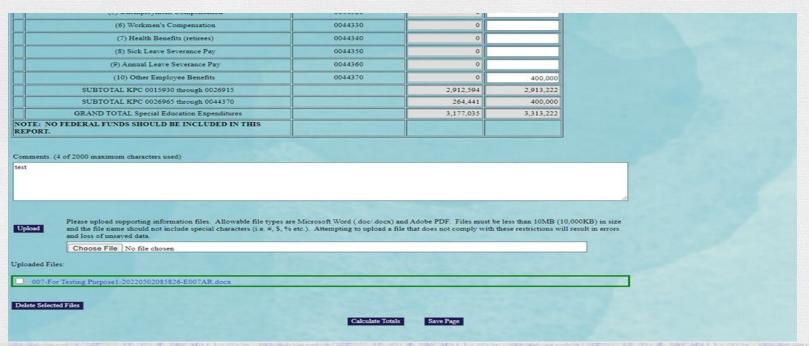
Enter Budgeted expenditures by KPC and save page (MOE Confirmation will have pre-populated data entered already)

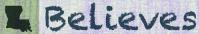
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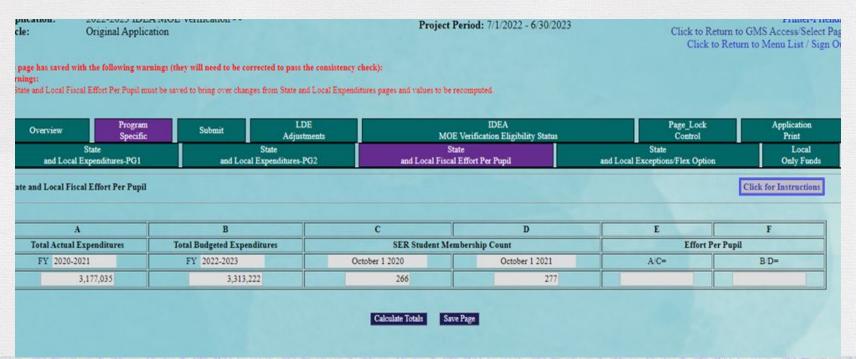
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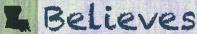




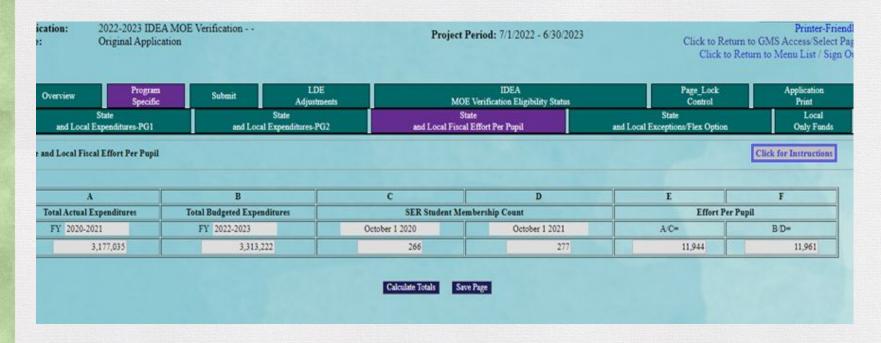
### State and Local Fiscal Effort Per Pupil

Totals have carried over and student counts are pre-populated - Save page





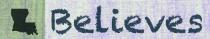
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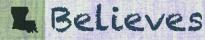
# **State and Local Effort Per Pupil**

- The per pupil calculation is determined by using the total actual expenditures and the total budgeted expenditures and the SER student membership count.
  - A (Total Actual Expenditures)/C (SER Student Membership Count = E (Effort per pupil)
  - B (Total Budgeted Expenditures) /D (SER Student Membership Count) = F (Effort per pupil)
- LEA does not enter any data on this page.
- This page must be saved to proceed!



## Things to know: Important Notes while in eGMS

- 1. Work from one tab to the next; save each page.
- 2. Data from one tab carries forward to the next; save each page.
- 3. Prepare documents for support to be ready for upload; save each page.
- 4. Clicking back to prior page(s) may delete current page data; save each page.
- 5. Anytime data is entered, the page requires comments and an upload for support; save each page.
- 6. Once a document is uploaded and saved, it cannot be removed. Upload new documents and include notes.
- 7. Save documents based on eGMS requirements (i.e. naming with special characters are not allowed auditors will not be able to access the documents)



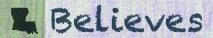
IDEA Maintenance of Effort (MOE) -Allowable Exceptions or MOE Flex Option



# **State and Local Exceptions or Flex Option**

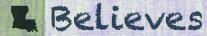
Select Yes or No if adding exceptions or opted to use the MOE Flex adjustment option





# State and Local Exceptions or Flex Option

- What are the IDEA MOE Allowable Exceptions?
- What is the Flex Option?



 A sub-recipient may reduce its level of expenditures for educating children with disabilities below the fiscal year levels, if the reduction is due to any of the following circumstances..



1. The voluntary departure (by retirement or otherwise) or the departure for just cause of special education and related services personnel.

NOTE: A Reduction in Force (RIF) is not an allowable exception.



Example #1: An employee, paid with general funds, servicing special education students retired in fiscal year 2020-2021 and was replaced by an employee who was paid a lower amount of general funds. The difference between the two salaries and related benefits combined is an allowable exception in fiscal year 2021-2022.

Example #2: An employee, paid with general funds, servicing special education students resigned in 2020-2021 and the position was not filled. The total salary and related benefits for the employee is an allowable exception in fiscal year 2021-2022.





#### 2. A decrease in the enrollment of children with disabilities.

Example #1: In fiscal year 2020-2021, a special education only bus route transported 10 IEP students. Seven of the students moved out of the district and the remaining three students were moved to a non-special education bus route. This is a decrease in child count directly related to special education expenditures paid with general funds. The driver's salary and related benefits, the gasoline and other transportation costs for that bus paid with general funds is an allowable exception in fiscal year 2021-2022.





Example #2: A decrease in students requiring speech therapy decreased; therefore, reducing the amount of therapist needed to serve the remaining students. The salaries and related benefits for the speech therapist no longer required



3. The termination of the obligation of the sub recipient to provide a program of special education to a particular child with a disability that is an exceptionally costly program, as determined by the SEA, because the child:

- has left the sub recipients jurisdiction;
- has reached the age at which the sub recipient is no longer obligated to provide FAPE to the child;
- no longer needs the special education program.





Example: In 2020-2021 a high cost special education student required a personal teacher, personal paraprofessional, personal nurse, therapies, transportation, or contract services necessary for a child with an IEP that is no longer needed due to one of the reasons above



4. The termination of costly expenditures for long-term purchases such as the acquisition of equipment or the construction of school facilities.

Example #1: Over the past few years, a district had a loan for a special education bus which was purchased with general funds. The district made its last payment in fiscal year 2020-2021. Since the district no longer had a special education bus payment in fiscal year 2021-2022, the amount of general funds paid for the special education bus is an allowable exception to MOE in fiscal year 2021-2022.



Example #2: A school purchased and installed an elevator in the school in FY 2020-2021. A one time payment was made in the same year. The total cost of the elevator and installation is an exception in FY 2021-2022.

**NOTE:** These expenses are usually costly expenses over the capital threshold amount of \$5000





#### 5. The assumption of cost by the high-cost operated by the SEA.

Example: The district may reduce the MOE amount by the Federal amount of High Cost Services funds revenue received in the corresponding grant year.

NOTE: The <u>State</u> (MFP) portion of High Cost Services is the allowed exception amount.



## **MOE Flex Option**

MOE Flex allows the LEA to use part of the Part B funds to reduce the maintenance of effort requirement amount.

This option is completed during the IDEA application budgeting process in conjunction with Early Intervening Services.

- Must be done with caution because MOE is interconnected with early intervening services.
- The decisions that an LEA makes about the amount of funds that it uses for one purpose affects the amount that it may use for the other.





# **MOE Flex Option - Eligibility**

- The LEA has in increase of IDEA Part B funds from the prior year allocation.
  - (Only allowed up to 50% of the increase)
- The LEA "meets requirements" on the LEA's annual determination
- The LEA does not have to set aside funds for Early Intervening Services because the LEA does not have significant disproportionality, and
- The LEA spends the "freed-up" state and/or local money on activities that are authorized under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act



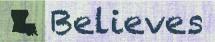


#### **Selection of MOE Flex Option**

- Accessed originally in Super App under IDEA under Coordinated Early Intervening Services/Maintenance of Effort
- 2. After EIS requirements are met and <u>if eligible</u> for the flex option, you can identify amounts for MOE reduction.
- 3. The total of EIS and MOE together should not exceed the 15% maximum allowed for EIS.

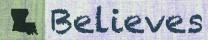
#### Example:

Prior year allocation	\$900,000
Current year allocation	\$1,000,000
Increase	\$100,000
Allowed for MOE (50% of increase)	\$50,000
Max allowed for EIS (15% of current allocation)	\$150,000



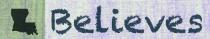
#### **Selection of MOE Flex Option - Super App - IDEA**

Maintenance of Effort Funds Prior Year's Allocation IDEA Part B Allocation - Total Available Increase over last year Maintenance of Effort Funds \$26,147 Maintenance of Effort funds available	\$3,335,242 \$3,387,535 \$52,293 \$26,147	(50% of increase: \$26,147)	
Local Fiscal Effort funds used for ESEA activities  Should you decide to use the Maintenance of Effort Funding option, budget the amount elected to use as Maintenance of Effort  Funds in Object Code 800  Description of ESEA activities (1750 Character maximum)	0		



#### Reduce required MOE level with allowable Exceptions or Flex Option



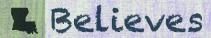


#### Reduce required MOE level with allowable Exceptions or Flex Option

Make appropriate selections.

MOE Flex funds will be pre-populated if previously selected during budgeting process. Check box to apply flex funds.

State and Local Exceptions/Flex Option	
Do you have eligible Flex Funds to reduce MO	E and/or would you like to enter any Exceptions?   Yes   No
Oo You have eligible Flex Funds to adjust MOI	E? • Yes O No
MOE Flex Funds available to apply:	Check this box to apply Flex Funds:



#### Reduce required MOE level with allowable Exceptions or Flex Option

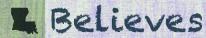
Review changes in expenditures from prior year to current.

Select appropriate exceptions.

Enter explanation and total amount as a negative number.

Provide supporting documents and save page.





# IDEA Maintenance of Effort (MOE) -Local Only Fund Calculations



## **Local Only Funds**

The IDEA MOE requirements can be met with the use of local funds separately from state and local funds and on a per pupil basis.

- Local funds used for special education purposes through the general fund
  - LEA should enter actual or budgeted local funds in the local expenditures section in eGMS.
  - LEA may provide a method for reasonably identifying local expenditures



#### **Local Only Funds Determination**

- If the above is not an option, LDOE suggests a breakout of state and local revenues to determine a reasonable percentage that is allocable to the local portion of qualifying special education expenditures that have been identified in the general fund.
- From your anticipated/received revenues:
  - a. Local Revenue Total + State Revenue Total = Total State and Local Revenues
  - b. Local Revenue Total / Total State and Local Revenues = Percentage of Local Revenue
  - C. Apply this percentage to your state and local budgeted amounts entered in the State and local expenditure section.

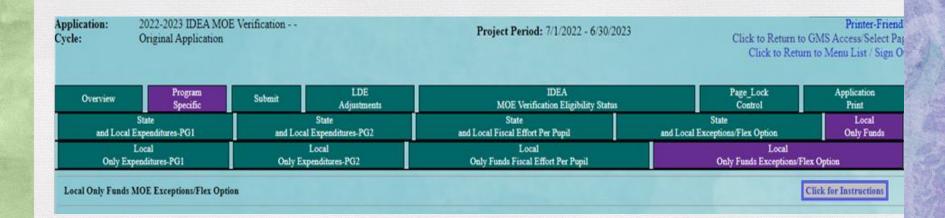
NOTE: LDOE can provide a worksheet to assist in this process.

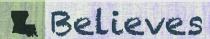


### **Local Only Funds**

#### Select the Local Only Funds tab

Complete in same manner as State and Local tabs

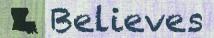




#### **MOE Confirmation and Eligibility Status Tab**

The Status Tab identifies if the LEA has met MOE by 1 or more of the allowed methods or options.

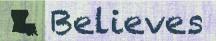
- 1. Tracks aggregate and per pupil totals from year to year includes adjustments, exceptions, student counts.
- 2. Status is marked with a YES or NO by audit staff during review.
- 3. LEAs can view page with totals to see increases or decreases in totals
- 4. Compliance is determined using the Subsequent Year Rule a comparison of current year data and data from the last time MOE was met. (Denoted with a YES)
- 5. Consistency Check with notify you if MOE is not met by any of the 4 methods allowed.
- 6. Review data and consider adding exceptions to both state and local and local only sections.



#### **Reading the MOE Status Tab**

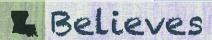
- 1. Identify the Comparison Year the required level to exceed; noted with a YES
- 2. Use the Subsequent Year Rule (last time MOE was met)

Year	S&L	Met	PP	Met	LC	)	Met	PP	Met	Count
2016	101,000	YES	505	YES	29	,290	YES	146	YES	200
2017	121,000	YES	550	YES	35	5,090	YES	160	YES	220
2018	120,000	NO	558	YES	34	,800	NO	162	YES	215
2019	119,000	NO	595	YES	34	,510	NO	173	YES	200
2020	107,000	NO	476	NO	31	,030	NO	138	NO	225



## **Reading the MOE Status Tab**

Fiscal Year	State and Local Funds							
	Expenditures	Met	Per Pupil	Met	Exceptns	Met	Per Pupil Except	Met
2013 - 2014 Exceptions	2,602,111	Yes 🕶	7,586	Yes 🗸		~		~
2014 - 2015 Exceptions	2,571,018	Yes 🕶	7,562	Yes 🗸	2,553,111 -49,000	Yes 🗸	7,443	Yes V
2015 - 2016 Exceptions	2,496,992	Yes 🗸	7,544	Yes 🕶	2,406,789 -164,229	Yes 🗸	7,079	Yes 🗸
2016 - 2017 Exceptions	2,519,455	Yes 🗸	7,038	No V	2,436,761 -60,231	Yes 🗸	7,362	No V
2017 - 2018 Exceptions	2,641,790	Yes 🗸	7,379	Yes 🕶		~		,
2018 - 2019 Exceptions	2,564,013	No V	7,746	Yes 🕶		~		,
2019 - 2020 Exceptions	2,542,962	No 🗸	7,777	Yes 🕶	2,621,102 -20,688	No 🗸	7,684	Yes N
2020 - 2021 Exceptions	2,538,067	No 🗸	8,404	Yes 🗸		-		
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Fiscal Year	Budgeted	Met	Per Pupil	State and Loc Met	al Funds Exceptns	Met	Per Pupil	Met



# **Questions?**



#### **MOE** Resources

**USDOE** 

Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP)

**OSEP: Legislation and Policy** 

Q&A: OSEP Memo 15-10 Local Educational Agency (LEA) Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Questions and Answers (July 27, 2015) - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act



### **MOE** Resources

USDOE

ESSA Non Regulatory Guidance Fiscal and Equitable Service 11-21-2016 (PDF)



#### LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION





Federal
Fiscal Monitoring
Audit Review

## **Scope of Fiscal Monitoring**

#### **Consists of three Components:**

- 1. Review the current year's internal controls.
- 2. Substantive testing of expended grant funds for each federal program.
- 3. Provide technical assistance as needed.

*Note*: Fiscal monitoring audits start at the end of the current fiscal year (generally May).



## **Subrecipient Fiscal Monitoring Selection**

- Every LEA who receives federal funds through LDOE is subject to be monitored.
- Uniform Grants Guidance (UGG) Part 200, Subpart D, Section 200.331(b)
- Requires a <u>Risk-based assessment</u> for selecting Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) for fiscal monitoring.
- Risk Assessment Factors includes, but is not limited to, data from the following sources:
  - Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)
  - Federal grant funding and expenditures
  - Program Monitoring Audits
  - Last year School Systems Financial Services conducted an audit
- New charters will be monitored within the first 3 years of opening.





### **Internal Controls**

Each LEA selected for monitoring must complete the Fiscal Monitoring Internal Controls Questionnaire.

- Self Assessment tool Policies and Procedures
  - Accounting system, budgeting process, grant reimbursement process, personnel (time and effort) review, purchasing, travel, property control, etc.
- LEAs must answer all questions (narrative form).
- LEAs may request technical assistance where needed.





## **Substantive Testing of Federal Grant Funds**

- Random Sample of expenditures from the Reimbursement Requests.
- Review expenditures in all areas (object codes):
  - Salaries, benefits, professional services, purchased property services, other purchased services (travel expenses), materials and supplies, property, and other uses of funds.
- Documentation requirements are outlined in an Audit Instructional.
  - Lists documents that will substantiate federal use of funds.
- Report on findings (Preliminary/Final Report).



## **Documentation Requests**

To substantiate allowable cost, the following documentation may be requested:

- Payroll
- 2. Cost Certifications
- 3. Purchase Orders
- 4. Invoices
- 5. Checks or similar documents to prove payment
- 6. Contracts
- 7. Service logs



#### Accessible in eGMS

Accessible through eGMS for LEAs selected for fiscal monitoring for the current fiscal year as a result of the Fiscal Risk Assessment.

You have been granted access to the forms below l

#### Administrative

LEA Central Contacts (2010-2013)

#### Monitoring

Fiscal Monitoring

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Fiscal Monitoring

SS / Select

LEA Central Data





### **Fiscal Monitoring Process**

- Audit staff contacts Business Manager for audit Engagements (May
   October).
- LEA notified by eGMS email for documentation requests.
- LEA uploads documents to eGMS for auditor review.
- Correspond on audit outcomes; may request additional documentation.
- Report Issued and is accessible through eGMS.



## Findings and/or Questioned Cost

- Reports will identify any final findings and/or any questioned cost associated with the findings.
  - LEAs will be allowed to provide additional documentation when findings are identified prior to issuance of the final report.

A copy of this report is sent to the Office of Federal Support for Resolution of findings.

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