

## **FY17-18 Jobs for America's Graduates (JAGS) Program Funding**

JAG Program funding in FY17-18 is comprised primarily of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds (through Department of Children and Family Services), Pre-Employment Transition Services (PETS) funds (through Louisiana Workforce Commission), and Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) Career Development Fund (CDF). A few districts will receive AT&T and Entergy funds. Attached is a spreadsheet that outlines the distribution by Local Education Agency (LEA) by fund source. Not all recipients received all funding sources.

- The TANF and PETS funds are considered federal funds for accounting purposes.
  1. Federal guidelines around use of funds and records retention applies to both the TANF and PETS funds.
- The AT&T and Entergy funds are considered other restricted revenue for accounting purposes.

### **Target Dates:**

- The target date for the eGMS application to open no later than the week of **October 23rd**.

### **Regulations:**

- Grants provided to fund JAG programs have unique rules/regulations and payment processes.
- Review and be alert to special situations in order to maximize the funding available and avoid audit questions.

### **Budget/Reimbursement:**

- Funding sources are intended to be braided together in order to provide total funding of \$50,000 per program.
- A budget must be completed in eGMS to include: TANF, PETS, AT&T, and Entergy
  - MFP Career Development Funds are not budgeted through eGMS.
- The following reimbursement process will be utilized for each funding type:
  - **PETS, AT&T and Entergy funds** - claims for these funds will utilize the normal reimbursement process through eGMS.
  - **TANF Funds** – claims for these funds will utilize the normal reimbursement process through eGMS.
  - **MFP Career Development Funds (CDF)** - Payments are distributed by the LDOE with no action necessary from the LEA. CDF funds are paid in the early spring once the course count data collections is final.

## **Funding Sources:**

### **TANF Federal Funds:**

- These funds are based on an allocation of dollars not provided by other grants.

### **PETS Federal Funds:**

- These funds are allocated to LEAs participating in the PETs program and the number of eligible participating students.
- The amount of PETS funding an LEA is eligible to receive is capped so the number of students for which an LEA may be paid PETs funding is capped.
  - If the number of students an LEA enrolls exceeds the student cap, the LEA PETs allocation remains the same.
  - The LEA will be responsible for identifying other funding sources to support the educational services for students over the cap.
- Any LEAs first receiving a program allocation in October 2017 will not receive PETs funding this year but provided other funding.

### **MFP Career Development Funds (CDF):**

- JAG programs will be eligible for the first time for CDF funds through the MFP allocation.
- The CDF allocation is based on the number of JAG courses in each LEA (1 student = 1 JAG course).
- The extra funding generated through the addition of these courses is available to fund the JAG program.
- The amount on the allocation is an estimate at this time.
- The actual allocation will be based on the number of courses reported to the LDOE in January 2018.
- MFP Allocations will be adjusted in January as needed.

## **Travel:**

- Any district that is receiving TANF funds must charge any travel to the TANF funds.
- Travel under the TANF funding must be in accordance with PPM49.

## **Help & Guidance:**

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