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Federal Support and Grantee Relations Monthly Call



Agenda

- I. Federal Programs
 - Equitable Services

Grants Management

- Federal Funds Update
- FY23 ESEA Waiver
- Title IV Flexibility Waiver
- High Dosage Tutoring
- o 2025-26 EEF
- 6/30 PERs
- Recently Released Applications
- IV. Questions & Answers
- V. Reminder/Updates

Suggested participants for this call:

- Federal Program Supervisors
- IDEA Supervisors
- Business Managers



Federal Programs





- The LDOE would like to send a special thanks to the LEAs for their assistance and support with the LDOE SEA Titles II and IV eGMS application, as well as the delivery of the SEA equitable services.
- LEAs should have received the webinar deck and the FAQ for the SEA Titles II and IV eGMS application.
- The FAQ will be updated as needed and sent to the participating LEAs providing SEA equitable services to our non-public schools.
- If you have additional questions or need clarification, please email the State Ombudsman, Daphne Flentroy, Daphne.Flentroy@la.gov



- Be sure to complete the JotForm registration for our Annual LDOE Equitable Services Collaborative Meeting.
- We strongly encourage your non-public administrators to attend.
- This a time to network and receive clarification regarding federal and state guidance, as well as, policies related to equitable services.
- A few LEAs and non-public schools have requested to have individual collaborative meetings to help with building workable and agreeable relationships as required by ESSA Act of 2015.
- This is the time to plan your Non-public Timely and Meaningful Consultation Meeting with your nonpublic administrators, Superintendents, Headmasters, Head of School, CEOs, etc. and review your federal, state and LEA guidance and policies.

- To prepare for our Annual LDOE Equitable Services Collaborative Meeting, please bring the following items/references:
 - Non-regulatory guidances for Titles I and VIII
 - Equitable Services Checklist
 - Equitable Services Flexible Timeline
 - LRP Serving Private Schools Students, Families and Teachers: A compliance Guide for the Tiel I Practitioners book(s)
 - LRP What Do I Do When The Answer Book on Title I
 - Kish Russell Grants and Compliance Resources
- Feel free to bring other resources to share as well.



- LEAs may use the NPADM or indirect costs to purchase non-public equitable services resource items.
- Shop LRP ... https://www.shoplrp.com/
- Kish Russell ...https://www.kishrussell.com/

Looking forward to our Annual LDOE Equitable Services Collaborative Meetings!



Nonpublic Equitable Services Support and Technical Assistance

Please feel free to contact the State Ombudsman for any technical support/assistance or clarification regarding the non-public equitable services program. When in doubt reach out:))!

"KEEP SOARING and Remember... Ongoing Consultation and Documentation are the KEYS to a Successful Non-public Equitable Services Program."

Daphne Flentroy, <u>Daphne.Flentroy@la.gov</u>



Grants Management



Federal Funds Update

FY 25-26 Funds - Title I, Part C, Title II, Part A, Title III, Title IV, Part A and Title IV, Part B



Delayed Grant Award Notifications

On June 30, 2025, ED notified states that given the change in Administrations, the Department was reviewing the FY 2025 funding for the Title I-C, II-A, III, IV-A, and IV-B grant program(s), and decisions have not yet been made concerning submissions and awards for this upcoming academic year.

Thus, ED did not issue Grant Award Notifications to states for these program funds on July 1.



Areas of Uncertainty

- What OMB's review of these funds will focus on;
- Whether OMB will delay awards or request Congress to rescind them;
- The timeline for OMB's decisions on these funds.

If there is no decision on these funds in the next couple of weeks, the Department will be forced to remove the FY 25-26 funds from eGMS.

At this time, please do not move forward with obligating FY 25-26 funds.



What we know . . .

- LDOE <u>has</u> received the following GANs:
 - Title I (Part A)
 - IDEA (611 and 619)
 - Title V (REAP)
 - Title X (McKinney-Vento)
- School systems may proceed as usual with the planning and implementation of these programs in the 2025-2026 school year.
 - Schools systems can begin obligating this funding based on the submission of the 2025-26 Super App award amounts.
 - Keep in mind these awards are "estimated" awards and we will provide updated "Preliminary" award amounts in August.

What we know . . .

- LDOE <u>has not</u> received the following GANs:
 - Title I (Part C)
 - Title II
 - o Title III
 - Title IV (Part A)
 - Title IV (Part B) 21st Century
- Again, for these fund sources, the Agency advises school systems to limit obligations to prior-year funds until further guidance is issued by ED.
 - No obligations should be made based on the "Estimated" awards that were provided in the 25-26 Super App for these fund sources



PER Info

- All 6/30 Program Expenditure Reports (PERs) must be submitted to LDOE by July 15.
- Remember to mark your 6/30 PER as Final.
- Upon approval of these reports, each LEA will have a complete and accurate view of its remaining 2024–2025 Title fund balances.

<u>Please note that all previous PERS must have been submitted prior to submitting 6/30 PER. Emails to districts with outstanding PERS was sent recently.</u>



Next Steps...LEAs Need A Plan

As school systems are planning and spending current funds, much is uncertain about FY 25-26 federal funding.

It is critical that LEAs are aware of their carryover and how those funds could be utilized to carry on the most critical expenditures.



Moving Forward

- The Agency will continue to monitor the status of the Title funds for any changes in status and provide updates as information become available.
- As additional Title GANs are received, we will update the 2025-26 Super App award amounts with true "Preliminary" amounts in a timely manner.
- For any Title fund sources where a GAN is not received by 7/30/2025, we will remove the "Estimated" award amounts from the 2025-26 Super App application.
- Mid-to late-August we will load "Preliminary" allocations, and remove "Estimated" funds for any fund source for which the GAN has not be received.

Moving Forward

District has three options to consider in adjusting your planning and budgeting protocols to accommodate these dilemmas:

- Transfer prior year Title IV funds to Title II or Title III to cover any immediate Professional Development needs and the needs of your English Learners.
- When applicable, utilize your existing Title I funds to cover any immediate needs of the other titles, keeping in mind the expenditures must align with the comprehensive needs assessment and the Title I School-wide plans.
- At this time, the LDOE encourages LEAs to fill in the other title gaps with their local funds. Please note that due to the delay in GANs, there will not be any supplanting concerns once the GANs are received.

FY23 ESEA Waiver Request



FY23 ESEA Waiver Request

- The FY23 ESEA Waiver was approved by ED on June 5, 2025.
 - Waiver allows for more than 15% carryover of the FY24 Title I funding
 - If an LEA is carrying forward more than 15%, a Title I Waiver will need to be submitted (date to be announced), but it will not count against the 1 in every 3 year waiver approvals.
 - Extends availability by 12 months of FY23 funding
 - FY23 funding now expires as of 9/30/26.
- Note: FY22 funding will expire as of 9/30/25



Title IV, Part A Flexibility Waiver



Title IV, Part A Flexibility Waiver

- LDOE will be requesting a Title IV, Part A Flexibility Waiver for the FY24 funding.
 - This waiver will help to ensure federal funds are used effectively, equitably, and in accordance with local data and needs.
- Waiver addresses:
 - LEA Needs Assessments for to 2024-25 school year.
 - Content-area spending requirements
 - 15% limitation for technology infrastructure
- <u>Title IV Waiver request</u> has been posted for public comment on the <u>Federal</u> <u>Grants</u> page
- Comments are due by July 31, 2025, and can be emailed to LDOE.GrantsHelpdesk@la.gov



High Dosage Tutoring



High Dosage Tutoring

- Projected Award notification for FY 2026 High Dosage Tutoring allocations will be released within the next few weeks.
 - Note: 2025-2026 allocation release will be contingent upon the completion of 2024-2025 quarter 4 fiscal reporting in eGMS
- Systems should develop plans for tutoring initiatives, using the projected amount.
- Final award amounts will be released pending legislative appropriation and board approval in August 2025.
- Upon approval of the tutoring plan submitted in eGMS (due September 15), funding will be provided to school systems.
- To support the planning process, please reference the <u>25-26 Accelerate</u>: High Dosage Tutoring Workbook.

2025-26 Education Excellence Funding (EEF)



2025-26 EEF funding

- EEF allocations will be available for the 2025-26 school year
- Projected Timeline
 - September 19: EEF application will be available in eGMS
 - October 10: deadline for submission of the EEF application
- Please be reminded that if you have not already done so, the 6/30 PER for your 2024-25 application needs to be submitted. Failure to do so could result in your LEA not being eligible for the 2025-26 application
- Investment funding: if you have investment funding that you want to budget, this should be done during the application process.

6/30 PERs



6/30 PERs

- For grants ending June 30, the 6/30 PER should be marked as "Final"
- If you submitted a 6/30 PER that was not marked as final but should have been
 - email <u>LDOE.GrantsHelpdesk@la.gov</u> asking that the 6/30 PER be returned
 - Subject line: 6/30 Final PER
- Helpdesk staff will work with Fiscal Ops team for the return of the PER.
- Once returned, the LEAs should mark the PER as final and resubmit



Recently Released Applications



Recently Released Applications

- EC State General Fund
- EC CCDF Consolidated

Reminder: Please make sure you have completed the Contact and Assurance tabs for these applications to make them visible to create.



Question & Answer



Important Reminders/Call Summary



Call Summary

Month	Key Deadlines	Support and Resources
July	 July 7: All Carl Perkins Claims due in eGMS July 15: claim submission for grants ending 6/30 due in eGMS July 15: 6/30 PERs 	 PER Instructions FSGR Resources
Aug.	•	August 21, 2025, FSGR Monthly Call



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