

# Federal Support and Grantee Relations Monthly Call



March 21, 2024

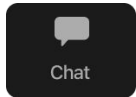
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# Agenda

## I. Federal Programs

- **Equitable Services**

## II. Grants Management

- **Modified Liquidation Process: ESSER III**
- **Grant Award Notifications (GANs)**
- **ESSER III Unobligated Funding**
- **Allocations**
  - **March Allocation Changes (BESE)**
  - **2024-25 Super App**
- **Davis-Bacon Survey**

Suggested participants for this call:

- **Federal Program Supervisors**
- **IDEA Supervisors**
- **Business Managers**

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# Federal Programs



# Equitable Services Updates and Reminders



# LDOE Equitable Services Updates and Reminders

- LEAs must calculate NCEA Conference reimbursements by determining the % of non-religious sessions from the keynote speaker to the last presentation of the day from the first to the last day of the conference.
- Count the number of total sessions, then count the number of allowable sessions and calculate the % of allowable sessions... This will be the % for reimbursement
- LEAs do not have to count the Mass or activities that are before or after the main conference sessions.
  - If nonpublic instructional/academic staff want to attend the dinners, programs, religious and non-religious events, etc. before or after the main conference he/she may pay out of pocket and cannot use federal allocations.
- If there is a question, have the nonpublic personnel to justify in writing how the dinner, program, events, etc. held before or after the main conference agenda will address/specific need the school has such as...
  - student academic achievement
  - teacher effectiveness
  - exemplary leadership



# LDOE Equitable Services Friendly Reminders

Let's please review this with all of our nonpublic schools and our LEA staff, inclusive of our LEA leadership...

- Nonpublic/Private schools do not get...money/funds, only allocations for services
- The LEA is the fiscal and program manager not the nonpublic school leaders
- LEA/School District receives the funds from the SEA, who in turn receives it from the U.S. Dept. of Education, to provide equitable services to nonpublic/private schools through an allocation.
- LEAs design and implement the targeted assisted LEA Nonpublic Title I Program for nonpublic students endanger of failing (Ds/Fs) and must get input from the nonpublic school's leaders.
- The LEAs must provide the nonpublic school leaders with regular updates on the LEA Nonpublic Title I Program status and students' performance.
- No items purchased with nonpublic Title I allocation should be located in a nonpublic schools general/regular classroom...items are only for the LEA teachers/interventionist/tutors and nonpublic students in the LEA Nonpublic Title I Program.
- Please contact the State Ombudsman if needed.



# LDOE Equitable Services Friendly Reminders

- It is time for budget consultation meetings, checking the status of PD, contracts, Needs Assessments, etc.
- Update Needs Assessments accordingly
- For PD be sure you have the documentation needed to pay invoices, for state monitoring and auditors such as LEA contracts for PD, professional leave forms, sign - in sheets, copies of handouts/decks, pictures of materials such as manipulatives, notebooks, books, etc. or other items required.
- Only LEA contracts are allowable. Service agreements or nonpublic school contracts may only be used to assist with providing information for the services that are needed for the LEA contract.
- If LEA has not, it is time to review the status of the LEA Title I Nonpublic Program with the nonpublic administrators, and nonpublic students progress.





# LDOE Equitable Services Friendly Reminders

- Note LEAs are to evaluate the LEA Title I Nonpublic Program and review during the end of the year consultation with the nonpublic school administrator.
- Some LEAs may have to wait until a later date if the nonpublic schools' students standardized and state test results are not in by the end of the year.
- You proceed with discussing other assessment data and student work with nonpublic administrators.
- Be sure to get the nonpublic administrators input and give it considerable thought.
- It is best to conduct your end of the year inventory in May or June if you conduct a Summer Program.



# 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... On -going Consultation and Documentation are the KEYS to a Successful Non-public Equitable Services Program.”

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# Grants Management



# Amended Liquidation Protocols



# Amended Liquidation Protocols

- In an effort to afford LEAs the fullest range of flexibility in drawing down the ESSER III funding, LDOE is implementing amended liquidation protocols.
  - These amended protocols apply to the ESSER III funding (formula and incentive) only.
- The amended protocols will allow LEAs additional time to liquidate:
  - Goods
  - Services
  - Construction projects



# Amended Liquidation Protocols

- **ESSER III Obligation Date: 9/30/2024**
  - Amendment liquidation does not change the obligation date of the funding.
- **Amended Liquidation Date: 12/16/2024**
  - LEAs now have until 12/16/2024 to receive goods and services
  - Note: subscription costs - if subscription costs are obligated on or before 9/30/2024, and the invoice is paid on or before 12/16/2024, services may continue through the 2024-25 school year.

**Note:** All claims/PERs must be submitted on or before 12/16/24.



# ESSER III Unobligated Funding



# ESSER III Formula Obligations

- In an effort to monitor **ESSER III Formula** funding drawdown balances for the potential re-allocation of unobligated funding:
  - A new tab will be added to the Achieve! application to collect information on unobligated funding.
  - This tab will need to be completed in April and again in August
  - The Agency will use this information to make a determination on whether or not funding will be available for re-allocation to LEAs that need additional funding.
  - This does not include Evidence-Based (EB) funding
- Note: The April collection point is only being used to get a general idea of the potential funding available. August information will be used to finalize the amount of any unobligated funding.



# ESSER III Incentive Obligations

- In an effort to monitor **ESSER III Incentive** funding drawdown balances for the potential re-allocation of unobligated funding:
  - A new tab will be added to the Achieve! application to collect information on unobligated funding.
  - This tab will need to be completed in April and again in June due to the need for August BESE approval.
  - The Agency will use this information to make a determination on whether or not funding will be available for re-allocation to LEAs that need additional funding
  - Includes all initiatives (i.e., Reimagine)
- Note: The April collection point is only being used to get a general idea of the potential funding available. June information will be used to finalize the amount of any unobligated funding.

# ESSER III Obligations

- LEAs will complete the ESSER III Obligation tab and save the page.
  - You are not required to submit the amendment at that time, unless you need the amendment to make additional budget adjustments.



# ESSER III Formula Obligations

## ESSER III Formula

Allocation: \$ -

Total Expended: \$ -

Current Remaining Balance: \$ -

### Instructions:

**Projected Obligation:** Enter the amount of the "Current Remaining Balance" displayed above that will be obligated on or before 9/30/24.

**Capital Projects:** Enter the amount of the "Project Obligations" that will be used for Capital Projects.

**Projected Remaining Balance:** The Projected Obligations amount will be subtracted from the Current Remaining Balance to provide the amount of ESSER III Formula funding that will not be expended on or before 9/30/24.

Projected Obligation: \$ -

Capital Projects : \$ -

Projected Remaining Balance: \$ -



# ESSER III Incentive Obligations

## ESSER III Incentive

Allocation: \$

Total Expended: \$

Current Remaining Balance: \$

**Projected Obligation:** Enter the amount of the "Current Remaining Balance" displayed above that will be obligated on or before 9/30/24.

**Projected Remaining Balance:** The Projected Obligations amount will be subtracted from the Current Remaining Balance to provide the amount of ESSER III Incentive funding that will not be expended on or before 9/30/24.

Projected Obligation: \$

Projected Remaining Balance: \$



# Grant Award Notifications (GANs)



# Accessing GANs

- Navigate to the eGMS website
- Prior to logging in, select the “Public Access” link

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

**In This Section:**

- 2020 IDEA MOE Confirmation

**2020 IDEA MOE Confirmation.....**

Now available in eGMS. The deadline for submission is **Friday, May 14, 2021**.

The MOE Out-of-Reference Guide is available as a reference to submit MOE applications.

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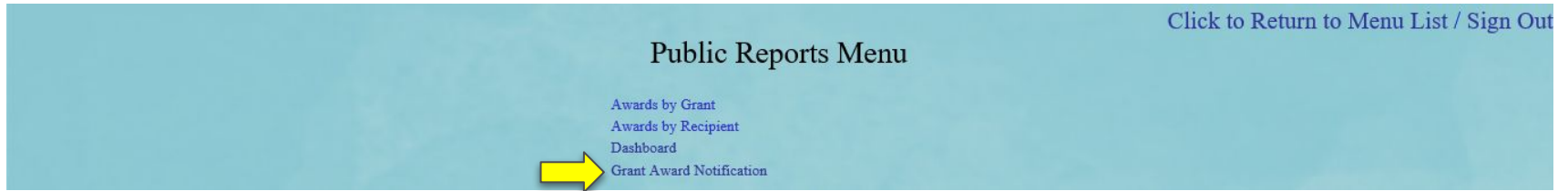
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# Accessing GANs

- On the Public Reports Menu select the Grant Award Notification link.



- Complete all dropdown information for the GAN you are attempting to access
- Select the “View Report” button

Budget Year: 2021

Fund Year: 2021

Fund Type: Federal

Program Title: Title I

Recipient: <Select a Value>

View Report

Yellow arrows point to the dropdown menus for Budget Year, Fund Year, Fund Type, Program Title, and Recipient, and to the View Report button.

# March Allocation Changes - BESE





# Allocation Changes

Initiative	Fund Source	Application
Strong School Systems - Implementation	8(g)	2023-24 Super App
The Change Collective Pilot	ESSER III	Achieve!
Virtual Programming Cohort	ESSER III	Achieve!
SPED Camera Maintenance	State General Fund	SPED Camera Funding



# 2024-25 Super App Allocations

- Formula Allocations
  - ESSA, IDEA and Carl Perkins
  - Funding will be loaded by mid-April
- Competitive Allocations
  - All competitive allocations will be loaded after approval at April BESE



# Davis-Bacon Data Collection



# Davis-Bacon Survey

- The Agency will be releasing Davis-Bacon Survey in April.
- This survey is being used to:
  - Assist LEAs in ensuring awareness of the Davis-Bacon requirements
  - Assist the Agency in determining where to provide support and technical assistance to school systems who may appear vulnerable in meeting these requirements.



# Davis-Bacon Survey

1. Did the LEA request and receive prior approval for all capital expenditure projects funded with ESF funds?

*Mark only one oval.*

Yes

No

2. Did the LEA use ESF funds for purchases that included minor remodeling, renovations or construction that was over \$2,000? (i.e. windows, floors, doors, building repairs, HVAC, remodel, etc.)

*Mark only one oval.*

Yes

No



# Davis-Bacon Survey

3. Did the LEA complete any prior approved capital expenditure projects funded with ESF funds?

*Mark only one oval.*

Yes

No

4. Are any capital expenditure projects funded with ESF Funds still open/in progress?

*Mark only one oval.*

Yes

No



# Davis-Bacon Survey

5. Did the LEA include, in whole or part, the required 10 Standard Labor Clauses in the contract(s) for construction projects? (See list of clauses below)

*Mark only one oval.*

Yes

No

## Standard Labor Clauses

1. Minimum wages
2. Withholding
3. Payrolls and basic records
4. Apprentices and trainees
5. Compliance with Copeland Act requirements
6. Subcontracts
7. Contract termination: debarment
8. Compliance with Davis Bacon and RElated Act requirements
9. Disputes concerning labor standards
10. Certification of eligibility



# Davis-Bacon Survey

6. Does the LEA currently have an open contract that is subject to the Davis Bacon Act requirements?

*Mark only one oval.*

Yes

No

7. Did the LEA collect weekly Certified Payroll Records from the contractor?

*Mark only one oval.*

Yes

No





# Davis-Bacon Survey

8. Did the LEA ensure that the contractor used the appropriate Prevailing Wage Rates to pay laborers for the contracted services?

*Mark only one oval.*

Yes

No

9. Did the LEA ensure that the contractor posted proper signage of the - Employee Rights under the Davis-Bacon Act?

*Mark only one oval.*

Yes

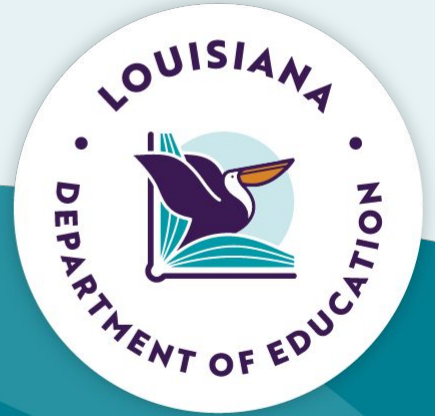
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# Question & Answer

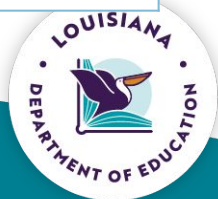


# Important Reminders/Call Summary



# Call Summary

Month	Key Deadlines	Support and Resources
March.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">PER Instructions</a></li><li>• <a href="#">FSGR Library</a></li></ul>
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Federal Support &amp; Grantee Relations Monthly Call: <b>April 18, 2024 at 10 a.m.</b></li></ul>



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