# Federal Support and Grantee Relations Monthly Call



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#### Agenda

- I. Federal Programs
  - Super App Tips and Reminders
  - Equitable Services
     Updates/Reminders
  - English Learner Contact Updates
- II. Statewide Monitoring
  - Coordinated Monitoring
  - Title I Comparability
- III. Granta Management
  - ESSER III Unobligated Funding
  - Davis-Bacon Technical Assistance
  - BESE Allocations

#### Suggested participants for this call:

- Federal Program Supervisors
- IDEA Supervisors
- Business Managers



# **Federal Programs**



# **Super App Tips and Reminders**



#### **Reviewing Program/Fiscal Comments**

- 1. Login to eGMS
- 2. Go to the GMS Access Select page
- 3. Click the Review Summary tab to the right of the Application Name
- 4. Select the radial button to the "Final Review"
- 5. Click the Review Checklist button. The Review Checklist will be displayed in the new window that opens. Make sure "Pop-up Blockers" are turned off.
- 6. Select the Program Review tab for program comments and/or the Fiscal Review tab for fiscal comments.

#### **Super App Reminders**

Please be sure that communication protocols are in place in your district to ensure that all SuperApp checklists comments are being shared with applicable program staff. Lack of such protocols can result in unaddressed comments and delays in approval of SuperApps.



#### **Expiring Funds Notices**

- Most LEAs have carryover funds from previous years, and they are budgeted in your current application.
- Notices inform you of the amounts you need to encumber prior to 9/30/24.
- If PERs are submitted and approved timely, reimbursements will draw from older funds.
- A third notification email will be sent in August, and LEAs will be able to determine how close they are to spending down the expiring funds.

If you have any questions, please contact grants help desk at <a href="mailto:ldoe.grantshelpdesk@la.gov">ldoe.grantshelpdesk@la.gov</a>.

## **Equitable Services Updates and Reminders**



#### **LDOE Equitable Services Friendly Updates**

Thanks to our LEAs for your assistance and encouragement with assisting our nonpublic/private schools with registering for the School Safety Summit and applying for the LDOE SEA Titles II and IV Workgroup to assist with designing, planning and implementing the SEA equitable services.

Check with nonpublic schools to see if their standardized test data has arrived for you to review/finalize your end of the year Title I evaluation and gather documentation to determine which nonpublic students may qualify for Title I services in next school year.

## LDOE Equitable Services Friendly Updates

- eGMS application updates...
  - Updated Intent to Participate and Affirmation Consultation and Agreement forms have been added to the Nonpublic Consultation page
  - Carryover form has been added to the nonpublic budget page



### LDOE Equitable Services Friendly Updates

- Please contact State Ombudsman regarding nonpublic Title IV allocation request and documentation for the Title IV Programing Page if needed.
- Remind nonpublic schools that Title IV items are for enrichment/evidenced-based activities and not for general list of materials, supplies and equipment.
- Reach out if you would like to participate with the Nonpublic Workgroup to address equitable services programing/implementation and assist with Circle Collaborative Dates.
- Circle Collaborative Dates are sessions to address a specific topic where
  participants have a question and leave with an answer, solution, plan, and/or
  better understanding of a specific topic.

# 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."

Daphne Flentroy @ Daphne.Flentroy@la.gov



## **English Learner Contact Updates**



#### **LDOE English Learner Support**

For EL programming support in Louisiana, please contact the following for specific technical assistance:

Area of Assistance	Contact Email
Policy, Funding	chauncey.carr-mcelwee@la.gov; melanie.mayeux@la.gov
Instruction and content	alexandra.chenevert@la.gov
ELPT and all other assessments	assessment@la.gov

# **Statewide Monitoring**



2022-2023 Monitoring	Pending documentation submissions	
	Reviewing corrective action plans (CAPs)	

2023-2024 Monitoring	3rd Quarter Deadline:	May 24, 2024
	4th Quarter Deadlines:	July 24, 2024 and September 5, 2024
	On-site visits starting in August (statewide)	

**2024-2025 Monitoring** 1st Quarter: starts October 1, 2024

#### **Continued Program Monitoring:**

- Direct Student Services (DSS)
- ESSER Formula / Incentive
- Homeless ARP
- Comprehensive Literacy State Development (CLSD)
  - Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy (SRCL)



#### **New Program:**

- BSCA Stronger Connections
- To be monitored in 2024-2025
- Preliminary analysis:

ABC School System:	
- Capital Expenditure Approval:	Contracted Services to install 5,366 linear feet fencing
- Approved Budget	
- Reimbursement Requests	

#### **Expenditure Description and Itemization**

Contracted Services to install 4,384.46 linear feet of fencing for EBR schools. (Approximately \$65.00 per feet) The fencing will provide security measures to prevent visitors from walking onto school campuses without checking in at the front office.

45 Metal detectors at \$3571.43 each = \$160714.35 and 82.64 security cameras at \$337.14 each = \$27,861.69 will allow for monitoring and detecting prohibited items on school campuses.

Materials and Supplies (Purchase a filing cabinet and file folders to maintain documents for the Stronger Connections grant.)

Nonpublic: 12 Handheld metal detectors at \$200 = \$2400 and 10 wireless security cameras at \$314.60 each = \$3,146-unit price will allow for monitoring and detecting prohibited items on campuses. Items are not permanent.

Purchased Property Services 01/01/2024 to 01/31/2024: Repairs/Maintenance Services -Fax/Copier Machines, Copier Rental, Servers, and Computer Wiring (Data Drops).

Supplies 01/01/2024 to 01/31/2024: Purchases of Subject Matter Instructional Supplies, Office Supplies, Computers and Computers Software/ Supplies.

Supplies 04/01/2024 to 04/30/2024: Purchases of Subject Matter Instructional Supplies, Office Supplies, Computers and Computers Software/ Supplies.

Purchased Property Services 05/01/2024 to 05/31/2024: Repairs/Maintenance Services -Fax/Copier Machines, Copier Rental, Servers, and Computer Wiring (Data Drops).

Supplies 05/01/2024 to 05/31/2024: Purchases of Subject Matter Instructional Supplies, Office Supplies, Computers and Computers Software/ Supplies.



#### Title I Comparability

To be Released:	September 16, 2024
Deadline for Completion:	December 16, 2024
First Round	Pre-populated October 2023 student enrollment and LEA-entered October 2023 staff data
<ul> <li>If not comparable in First Round, LEA will be moved to Second Round</li> </ul>	Pre-populated <b>October 2024</b> student enrollment and LEA-entered staff data
<ul> <li>If not comparable in Second Round, LEA will be required to submit outside of the system</li> </ul>	Use <b>February 2025</b> student enrollment and same staff data

School systems with one school per grade span do not need to submit a Title I Comparability Report. Also, single-site school systems (i.e., Type 2, 3, 3B, and 5 charters) are exempt from submitting the report.

### **Web-based Program Monitoring**

- Update
- Purpose
- Timeline for Pilot
- Feedback



# **Grants Management**



# **ESSER III Unobligated Funding**



#### **Amended Liquidation Protocols**

- ESSER III and Homeless ARP I and II Obligation Date: 9/30/2024
  - Amendment liquidation does not change the obligation date of the funding.
- Amended Liquidation Date: 12/16/2024
  - LEAs 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 ARP ESSER claims/PERs must be submitted on or before 12/16/24.



# ESSER III Formula Obligations Now Available in eGMS

- In an effort to monitor **ESSER III Formula** funding drawdown balances for the potential re-allocation of unobligated funding:
  - The new tab has been added to the Achieve! application to collect information on unobligated funding.
  - This tab should have been completed by April 30, 2024, and will again need to be completed by August 30, 2024
  - The Agency will use the August 30, 2024 data to make a determination on whether or not funding will be available for re-allocation to LEAs that need additional ESSER III funding.
  - A question will be added to the Obligations tab in the Achieve! app to indicate the LEAs interest in receiving additional funding if available.
- Note: The April collection point was only being used to get a general idea of the
  potential funding available for reallocation. August data will be used to finalize
  the amount of any unobligated formula funding.

# ESSER III Obligations Now Available in eGMS

- 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.

#### **Davis-Bacon Technical Assistance**



#### **Davis-Bacon**

- ESSER funding utilized for construction/renovation projects requires the LEA to adhere to all Davis-Bacon requirements.
- If you are in need of support and/or technical assistance, please let the Agency know.
- Ways to request support and/or technical assistance:
  - Email the Grant Management Helpdesk
     (<u>LDOE.GrantsHelpdesk@la.gov</u>) with the Subject Line: "Davis-Bacon Support", or
- Business Managers can connect with Anya Randle at Anya.Randle@la.gov

## **BESE Allocations**



#### **BESE Board Docs**

- Section has been added to the <u>FSGR Library</u>.
  - BESE Allocation section is located at the bottom of the page in the right-hand column.

#### STATEWIDE MONITORING

File

School System EL Programming Self-Evaluation Tool PDF

Comparability FAQs PDF

Comparability FAQ PDF

2023-2024 SY Third Quarter ConsMon Sched public 4.2.24 PDF

2023-2024 Comparability Instructions PDF

#### BESE ALLOCATIONS

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April 2024 BESE Allocation Roll Up PDF

January 2024 BESE Allocation Rollup PDF

June 2024 BESE Allocation Rollup PDF

March 2024 BESE Allocation RollUp PDF

## **Question & Answer**



# **Important Reminders/Call Summary**



## Call Summary

Month	Key Deadlines	Support and Resources
July		<ul> <li>PER Instructions</li> <li>FSGR Library</li> </ul>
August	<ul> <li>August 30: Updated the ESSER III Formula Obligations tab</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Federal Support &amp; Grantee Relations Monthly Call:</li> <li>August 15, 2024 at 10 a.m.</li> </ul>



#### **Contact Information**

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