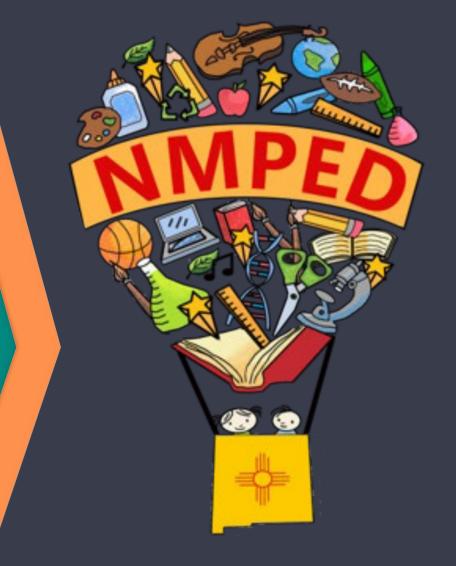
Title II, Part A:
Allowable Uses and
Reimbursement
Requests



December 12, 2023

Agenda - Title II, Part A

- Welcome
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 - Allowable Uses of Funding
 - Considerations/Supplement Not Supplant
 - Best Practices in Submitting for Reimbursement
 - Updates, Guidance Documents, and Resources
- Q & A and Closing Remarks

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Title II, Part A Liaison List

Title II, Part A Guidance: Background

Purpose:

To increase the academic achievement of all students by helping schools and districts improve teacher and principal quality and ensure that all teachers are effective.

Guiding Principles:

Support for Educators

Educator Equity

Strengthening Title II, Part A Investments

Support for Educators

- Multiple pathways to teaching and leading
- Induction and mentorship
- Meaningful evaluation and support
- Strong teacher leadership
- Transformative school leadership (state level)

Strengthening Title II, Part A Investments

Strengthening investments to ensure that:

- Interventions align with identified needs
- Evidence base and district capacity are being considered
- Implementation plans are robust
- There are adequate resources
- Information is gathered regularly

Program Objectives

- ✓ Increase student achievement
- ✓ Improve educator quality and effectiveness
- ✓ **Increase** the number of effective educators
- ✓ Provide low-income and minority students Greater
 - **Access** to effective educators

Stakeholder Involvement

Intended Beneficiaries of Title II, Part A Funds

- Early Childhood Educators
- K-12 Classroom Teachers
 - Paraprofessionals
- Specialized Instructional Support Personnel
 - (Mentors & Coaches)
 - Other School Leaders*

*School Leader Definition Section 8101 (44) of ESEA, p.403

A principal, assistant principal or other individual who is:

A. An employee of an elementary or secondary school, district or other entity operating an elementary or secondary school; AND

B. Responsible for the daily instructional leadership and managerial operations in the elementary or secondary school building

Note: Central district office staff are not eligible for TIIA funds.

Local Uses of Funds – Title II, Part A

- 1. Recruit, retain, and support effective teachers, principals, and other educational personnel
- 2. Professional development and learning
- 3. Coursework leading to credentials and certifications
- 4. Class size-reduction (contact TIIA liaison)

[ESSA 2103 [20 U.S.C. 6613] LOCAL USES OF FUNDS]

Allowable Uses of Funding

- Initiatives to recruit and retain effective teachers
- Professional development to increase teacher knowledge and improve instruction in the classroom
- Professional development to improve the quality of instructional leadership teams, principals and other school leaders
- Multiple career paths
- Teacher advancement initiatives

Non-Allowable Expenses

- General substitute teachers (only allowed during PD)
- Instructional materials
- Technology /equipment
- Recruitment giveaways with district logo
- Food (See EDGAR p.255 <u>Using Federal Grant Funds to Pay</u> for Food)

(Always consult with your TIIA Liaison to determine if an expense is allowable.)

1a. Recruitment

Expert help in screening candidates

Performance-based compensation systems

Culturally
Competent &
Responsive
Teachers

Recent IHE
Graduates
w/Academic
Distinction

Differential & Incentive Pay

Dedicated
Administrator for
Recruitment Efforts

New Position
Dedicated to Title II
Recruiting

Recruiting
Individuals from
Other Fields

Advertising Agencies
- Broadcasting (TV,
Radio, Internet)

Job Fairs & Recruitment Events

Teaching Fellows & Residency
Programs (IHE)

Title II, Part A funds may be used to improve the recruitment, placement, support, and retention of culturally competent and responsive educators, especially educators from underrepresented minority groups, to meet the needs of diverse student populations. ESSA Title II, Part A Guidance, p.18

1b. Retention

Monetary incentives (Signing bonuses or differential pay) Accommodate &
Reward Highly
Accomplished
Educators as Mentors

Encourage Teacher Participation – Decision Making

Induction & Mentoring

Teacher Leadership
Opportunities

Strong and Supportive Instructional Leadership

High-Needs areas & Hard-to-fill positions*

Administrator Credential Preparation Programs

[ESEA sections 2103(b)(3)(B), (D) and (E)]

*Consult with Title II liaison for more information on retention strategies.

2. ESEA Professional Development Definition

Activities that are...

- Sustained,
- Intensive,
- Collaborative,
- Job-Embedded,
- Data-Driven,
- Personalized or based on information from an evaluation & support system, and
- Classroom-focused

Rather than...

- ProfessionalDevelopment thatstands alone AND
- Does not connect to a larger school-wide or individualized plan

ESEA Section 8101 (p.401) and **ESSA Title II Part A Guidance October 7, 2016**

2. Professional Learning

Assessments and Data Analysis

Career Readiness
Education

Sensitive Topics/ Child Abuse Prevention

Early Childhood Instruction Effectively Teaching Children with Disabilities

Effectively Teaching English Language Learners

Evidence-Based Professional Development Identification and Support of Gifted Students

School Library Programs

Supporting Students
Affected by Trauma
and/or Mental
Illness

Science, Technology,
Engineering, &
Mathematics
(including Computer
Science)

Literacy, Numeracy, Remedial, or Other Needs

Evaluation and Support Systems

Principal – Effective School Leaders

3. Multiple Career Pathways

Exemplary Teachers

Instructional Coaches

Mentoring Opportunities

Professional Learning Community Leader Master Teacher Roles

Invest in Systems/Tools Analyze Data Driven Decision Making

Aspiring Principal Programs

Residency Programs for Principals

Specialized
Subject
Coordinators

Teacher Leaders in Specialized Areas (Technology, SPED, Language Acquisition)

IHE Principal Preparation Programs

Leadership Coaching for Principals Cross-District
Collaboration

Innovative Teaching Practices

Advanced Degrees and Certifications

Considerations

Title II, Part A funds are meant to be used **ABOVE** and **BEYOND** what the district is currently employing to support effective instruction.



SUPPLEMENT, Not Supplant – Title II, Part A

Supplanting may occur if federal funds are used to provide services required by other federal, state, or local laws, or were provided with non-federal funds in a prior year.

- 1. Are the services that the district wants to fund with ESEA funds required under state, local, or another federal law?
- 2. Are the Title II, Part A funds being used to provide services that the LEA provided with non-federal funds in prior years?

Supplement means "to add to"

Supplant means "to supersede, displace, or replace"

In order to be Supplemental, Title II,
Part A activities must *enhance*, *expand*, or *extend* the required
services or programs offered with/by
state, local, or federal funds".

[ESEA 2123(b)](for LEAS) & 2113(f) (for the SEA and SAHE)]

Request for Reimbursement (RfR) Documentation and Best Practices

Expenditure Report/Summary/Indirect CostSheet

- ✓ Documentation In order of expenditure rpt.
- ✓ Dates on documentation match activity dates
- Expenditures cross-reference to TIIA App.
- Activities must align with TIIA program requirements/objectives
- ✓ ALL Travel Expenditure Authorization Form Required

Mileage/Travel Documents* (refer to FGM/DFA travel requirements)

- List of travelers, license, position, purpose of travel
- Agenda
- ✓ Conference/Registration Fees
- ✓ Lodging
- ✓ Airfare (itinerary)
- Meals
- Certificate of Completion (proof of attendance)
- ✓ Other transportation (Parking, Uber or other)

Professional Development*

- ✓ Agenda (Date/Time)
- ✓ Sign in Sheet or Certificate of Completion
- ✓ Invoice (if outside vendor/contractor)
- ✓ Registration copy
- ✓ Evidence of payment (PO, credit card statement, etc.)
- ✓ Document list of participants, license, position, purpose

Course Tuition Reimbursement*

- ✓ Approved Local Course reimbursement request form
- ✓ Grade Report System Generated (C or better-district determines if higher)
- ✓ Student Statement of Account (Zero balance)
- ✓ Course description (copy from catalog)
- ✓ PO

Mentor/Mentee Data - NOVA 80-day report*

Work with LEA/Charter School STARS coordinator to ensure information is properly uploaded to NOVA

*Must be in Title II application or preapproved by TIIA Liaison

Recruitment*

- Newspaper advertisement
- Receipts for booth
- Vendor Invoice & PO
- ✓ Booth rental/material supplies
- Travel documentation include purpose and positions for travelers

Additional Compensation*

(Stipends, salaries for mentors, instructional leaders, school leaders, endorsement stipends)

- List of educators: name, license, position/role, amount – TIIA application
- ✓ Job Description new positions
- ✓ Time and Effort Records documents to retain
- ✓ 2 CFR 200.430(i)

Best Practices

TIMELY REIMBURSEMENT... Submit Early & Submit Often

- Title II-A Liaisons have 10 days to review and approve RfRs
- Questions about RfR procedures or required documentation, contact TII-A Liaison
- Fiscal and Carryover questions, contact Fiscal Grants
 Management Bureau, <u>valerie.padilla@ped.nm.gov</u>



Title II, Part A – Updates

- ✓ TII-A Federal Funds Remaining (GY21 [USDE waiver], GY22, GY23)
- ✓ TII-A Canvas Course Registration Flyer (NEW)
- ✓ TII-A Trainings and Communities of Practice CoP
 - ✓ January 23rd –Mentorship (Gadsden Independent School District)
 - ✓ February 15th PLC PD Proposal (Aztec Municipal School District)
- ✓ Mentor/Mentee Data 80-Day & TII-A Application in SharePoint
- ✓ For Other Allowable Activities Contact your TIIA Liaison
- ✓ Budget or Carryover Questions Contact Fiscal Grants Management Valerie.padilla@ped.nm.gov



Title II, Part A – Guidance Documents

- Office of Elementary and Secondary Education Title II, Part A Resources
- <u>Title II, Part A Non-Regulatory Guidance Improving Teacher Quality State Grants (PDF)</u>
- ESSA Title II, Part A Guidance, Building Systems of Support for Excellent Teaching and Leading October 7, 2016
- <u>Lessons Learned: Implementing Performance-Based Pay</u>
- <u>Sections 2001 and 2103 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)</u>, amended by the <u>Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA)</u> and <u>ESEA of 1965</u>
- NMPED Title II, Part A Website
- NMPED Needs Assessment

Thank You for Your Participation!

