
TESTIMONY

Testimony To: Senate Committee on Appropriations

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Federal FY25 Title Program Allocations

The Agency received our preliminary school year 25-26 Title I allocations on May 14, 2025. The total dollar amount was similar to what was expected when we were told that Title I was level-funded in the March 14, 2025 Continuing Resolution. The Consolidated Federal Programs (CFP) (aka "Title") team is now in the process of conducting the various calculations required to adjust those allocations for factors such as the state reservations for the school improvement grant and state administration as well as other mandatory calculations. The team plans to load the resulting local education agency (LEA) allocations shortly. The U.S. Department of Education (USED) has promised we will receive our final Title I allocations on July 1, 2025 and October 1, 2025 as usual.

In the meantime, LEAs have been advised to continue to work in their grant applications using the Title I hold-harmless minimum allocations currently loaded in their CFP applications.

All other preliminary Title program allocations (II, III, IV, McKinney-Vento) are still being determined by USED with no promised timelines.

We have advised LEAs to proceed with their CFP application development for these other programs using the partial allocations (80% of last year's allocation) that have been loaded into their applications in our grants management system.

Federal FY25 IDEA Program Allocations

The Agency received our preliminary awards for IDEA B 619 (the additional PK component) and 611 (the age 3-21 component) two weeks ago. We received approximately \$1 million for 619 and approximately \$37 million for 611,



which were in line with what we were expecting. The application will be opening in our grants management system shortly.

Federal FY25 Perkins (CTE) Program Allocations

The Agency received our school year 25-26 Perkins allocation two weeks ago. The CTE Team ran the federal formula and sent each Perkins grant recipient (CTE centers and CCV) their FY 26 allocations last week. We anticipate that Perkins grants will be available in our grants management system this week, so that applicants may begin to build their grant applications for the coming school year.

Federal FY25 Reconciliation Bill

The House and Senate are working on separate versions of an FY25 reconciliation bill to complete FY25 funding of the mandatory portions of the federal budget including nutrition programs and Medicaid, along with extension of the tax cuts and increases in military and immigration enforcement spending. They are proposing a variety of deep cuts and program changes, such as new work requirements, to both the SNAP and Medicaid programs. However, the proposed cuts, especially to Medicaid, and proposed spending increases in other programs are highly contentious among members of the Republican majority, and the negotiations could go on for some time.

White House's Federal FY26 Budget Request

The White House released their federal FY26 "Skinny Budget" two weeks ago. The budget includes some significant cuts including the elimination of Title III (EL education), Migrant Education, Adult Learning, Preschool Development Grants, Teacher Quality Partnership Grants, as well as cuts to Perkins. The budget also proposes consolidating IDEA into one level-funded block grant and ESEA into two grants: a Title I grant (level-funded) and a consolidated block grant for 18 other formula and competitive grants, which have not been specified. It is important to remember that this is the opening salvo in the FY26 budget negotiations. House and Senate Appropriations committees will now take up these recommendations and the negotiations between them and the White House could go on for some time.

ESSER Late Liquidation Requests

As of May 19, the Agency has submitted a total of 54 liquidation extension requests (49 LEA projects totaling \$8,835,496.45, and 5 SEA projects totaling \$1,206,292). To date,

we have not received a response to any of our submissions. As of 5/19/25, the Agency has received an additional 13 applications from SU/SDs which will be reviewed and submitted to USDOE this week. The Agency is preparing an additional five (5) SEA level projects for submission.

Members of Senator Sanders Team in DC and Vermont have been extremely helpful in working with our LEAs to refine their requests to enable the greatest chance of approval. Senator Sanders has also made multiple appeals to Secretary McMahon regarding approval of Vermont's late liquidation requests.

Breakdown of 54 requests already submitted to USDOE as of 5/19/25:

Category	# of Projects
Direct Services to Students	22
Professional Development and Supplies	8
Facilities / Construction	12
CTE	3
SU Leadership	1
Late Closeouts	3
AOE	5