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Attention: Superintendents, Treasurers, and Consolidated Application Contacts
Summary: American Reinvestment and Recovery Act information regarding drawdown and liquidate of funds.

As of September 30, 2011, the state of Ohio will no longer have a Parental Information and Resource Center (PIRC) established, located, or existing in our state.

Join us at the Parent Involvement Coordinators' (PIC) Meeting, which will provide training, information, and support to parents and those who work with families.

American Reinvestment and Recovery Act FAQ's

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In order to better understand what needs to be done to drawdown and liquidate ARRA grants here is a list of FAQs.

FYI

Will the LEA receive the remaining ARRA funds?

Yes. The LEA will receive the remaining ARRA funds when the ARRA FER goes into ARRA Grants Management 'FINAL APPROVED' status. As long as the obligation being liquidated meets the financial and programmatic compliance requirements (allowable, the period of availability, etc.) the district will receive the requested funds.

What ARRA funds does this entail?

ARRA Title IA, ARRA Neglected Title I, ARRA Delinquent Title I, ARRA Title I SI Sub A,IDEA-B

How does this impact LEAs?

District s will still receive their funds in the same ways they have in the past during the closeout of a fiscal year. Financial Expenditure Report (FER) Process (any funds owed to the district, a Project cash request is automatically created) or Project Cash request prior to the submission of the FER. However, since ODE is in the process of obtaining increased appropriation for ARRA Title I you may not receive the ARRA funds in the same 7 day timeline as you normally would. The other grants should follow the normal timeline.

Provide an estimated timeline for the reimbursement of the funds?

FER - depending on when Grants Management (GM) receives and approves the FER (September, October or November) PCR – as noted above in #2 normal process except for ARRA Title I.

Where calls from LEAs should be directed if there are any further questions?

Office of Fiscal Services and Grants Management

Frequently used terms

What does obligation of funds mean?

Obligation means the amounts of orders placed, contracts and subgrants awarded, goods and services received, and similar transactions during a given period that will require payment by the non-Federal entity during the same or a future period . *OMB Circular A-102 Common Rule as codified by 34 CFR 80.23 and ORC 131.33.*

What is liquidation?

Liquidation means to issue a check and pay out what has been obligated.

TIMELINE

September 1, 2011	Due to the extension of the obligation period from 6/30 to 9/30, the total requested claims for the last month increased significantly. In turn, the claims for June and July did not significantly increase. Therefore ODE must request an increase in the ARRA Title I appropriation.
September3, 2011 onwards	Some ARRA Title I, ARRA Neglected Title I, ARRA Delinquent, and Title I, PCRs will be returned 'Not Approved' so that LEAs can submit an FER with a deficit balance. However, those districts may resubmit to demonstrate a PCR was in process if they have month end deficit. If ARRA PCRs were not returned they will stay in the GM Consultant's queue for approval once authorization is given.
September 1-30, 2011	LEAs continue to submit their Final Expenditure Reports, last date is September 30, 2011.

FYI

Ohio Parental Information and Resource Center (PIRC) funding cycle is coming to an end.

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No Child Left Behind, SEC. 1118. Parental Involvement.
(g) INFORMATION FROM PARENTAL INFORMATION AND RESOURCE CENTERS (PIRC) - In a state where a parental information and resource center is established to provide training, information, and support to parents and individuals who work with local parents, local educational agencies or school that received assistance under this part and is located in the state shall assist parents and parental organizations by informing such parents and organizations of the existence and purpose of such centers.

As of Sept. 30, 2011, the state of Ohio will no longer have a Parental Information and Resource Center (PIRC) established, located, or existing in our state. To fulfill the purpose of the center, transitional information will be shared later. The U.S. Department of Education has removed PIRCs as a line item in the federal budget. Please remove the Ohio PIRC from your list of referrals/resources.

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The Ohio Department of Education, Center for Accountability and Continuous Improvement, Office of Federal Programs, invites you to attend a FREE Parent Involvement Coordinators' (PIC) Meeting on **Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011, from 1-4 p.m**. This meeting will occur prior to the Ohio Association of Administrators of State and Federal Education Programs (www.OAASFEP.net) Conference, in the Hyatt Regency Hotel, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

Join us to review the Common Core State Standards [Sec. 1118 (e) (1)], learn about the Ohio PTA, and parental involvement requirements of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (*No Child Left Behind*). New ideas will be shared to increase the engagement of families in the education of their children.