

Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP)

Ohio | Department of Education

Ohio Department of Education Office of Federal Programs

- Ed Peltz, Office of Federal Programs State Liaison, 614-752-1571, edward.peltz@education.ohio.gov
- David Cloud, Education Specialist, 614-752-1565, david.cloud@education.ohio.gov
- Rasha Hetata, Education Specialist, 614-752-1469, rasha.hetata@education.ohio.gov

Purpose of REAP Funds

To address the unique needs of rural school districts that:

- frequently lack the personnel and resources to compete effectively for federal competitive grants, and
- receive formula grant allocations in amounts too small to be effective in meeting their intended purposes.

Rural Education Initiatives

- Subpart 1--Small, Rural School Achievement Program:
  - ⇨Alternative Uses
  - ⇨Small, Rural School Grant Program
- Subpart 2 --Rural and Low-Income School Program

Subpart 1: Small, Rural School Achievement Program

Alternative Uses of Funds Authority-REAP Flex:

- No additional funding.
- 100% transferability authorization in the Consolidated Application of the CCIP from Title II-A to Title-A but not from Title I-A.

Eligibility

- Average daily attendance fewer than 600
- Designated school locale code of 7 or 8 (Locale codes of schools are listed on the web site of the USDOE National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) at www.nces.ed.gov)
- If eligible under this grant, not eligible for Rural Low-Income School Program Grant

SRSA Alternate State Definition

- A rural local education agency is one, which is located within an incorporated or unincorporated place, which has a district resident population of less than 2,500, and is characterized by sparse, widespread population.

SRSA Alternate State Definition

- In the case of an LEA, i.e., Joint Vocational School District and Community School District, serving multiple LEA districts, each school that is served is located within an incorporated or unincorporated place, which has a district resident population of less than 2,500, and is characterized by sparse, widespread population.

SRSA Alternate State Definition

NOTE: An LEA wishing to be designated "rural" by another governmental agency of the State of Ohio must submit a timely request to ODE/OFP, with evidence of the measurable objective criteria used by the state governmental agency in making its "rural" determination.

Subpart 1: Small, Rural School Achievement Program

Authorizes the Secretary to award formula grants directly to eligible LEAs (i.e., those LEAs eligible under the Alternative Uses of Funds Program) to carry out activities authorized under one or more of the following federal programs: (www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/reap.html)

Small, Rural School Grant Program Uses of Funds

- Part A of Title I (Improving the Academic Achievement of Disadvantaged Children)
- Part A of Title II (Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting)
- Part D of Title II (Enhancing Education Through Technology)
- Part A of Title IV (Safe and Drug-Free Schools)

Small, Rural School Grant Program Uses of Funds

- Title III (Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students)
- Part B of Title IV (21st Century Community Learning Centers)
- Part A of Title V (Innovative Programs)

Funding Formula

- Average Daily Attendance minus 50 x $100
- Plus $20,000 (capped at $60,000)
- Minus the sum of the LEAs preceding year's allocations for Title II-A
- Secretary may ratably reduce

SRSA Length of Grant

- An LEA may obligate funds during the federal fiscal year for which the funds were appropriated and during the succeeding federal fiscal year.

- Example: FY2008 funds – July 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009. An LEA may carry over to the succeeding fiscal year any funds not obligated by September 30, 2009. Those fiscal year 2008 funds remain available for obligation through September 30, 2010.

SRSA Length of Grant

- 34 CFR 76.707 regulations provide examples of when an “obligation” occurs for various types of activities.
- May liquidate an obligation for three months after the close of the obligation period.

Subpart 2: Rural and Low-Income School Program

- Formula Grant Program
- Eligibility:
  a) 20% or more children ages 5-17 from families with incomes below poverty line
  b) Designated school locale code of 6, 7, or 8
  c) Not eligible for Small, Rural School Grant Program

Use of Funds

- Teacher recruitment/retention
- Teacher professional development
- Title II-D (Educational Technology)
- Parental involvement activities
- Title IV-A (Safe & Drug-Free Schools)
- Title I-Part A (Improving the Academic Achievement of Disadvantaged Children)
- Title III (LEP/Immigrant)

Grant Awards

- Grants awards under the Rural and Low-Income School Program are determined on the basis of the number of students in average daily attendance served by eligible LEAs.

Supplement, Not Supplant

- Funds shall be used to supplement, and not supplant, any other federal, state, or local education funds.

NCES School Locale Codes

(6) Small Town, not within a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), and with a population of less than 25,000 and greater than or equal to 2,500 people

(7) Rural, Outside MSA--A place with less than 2,500 people and coded rural and outside a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) by the Census Bureau

(8) Rural, Inside MSA--A place with less than 2,500 people and coded rural and inside a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) by the Census Bureau)

NCES Locale Codes

- Based on each school's street address and data from US Census Bureau.
- Street address provided by ODE to USDE based on data received from LEAs through the Ohio Education Directory System.
- Number and street name now required in the directory address information.

NCES Locale Codes

- Use of a PO Box number isn't recommended as a primary address in order to prevent assignment of incorrect locale code.
- If PO Box is required for correct US Mail delivery, it may be included after street address, separating it with a comma.

NCES Locale Codes
ODE Contacts

- Ohio Education Directory System: 614-387-7566

- Data Services: 614-995-9943

CFDA and USAS Fund Codes

Rural and Low-Income School Program:

- CFDA# 84.358
- USAS Fund Code 599

Small, Rural School Grant Program:

- CFDA# 84.358A
- USAS Fund Code 599 with a special cost center

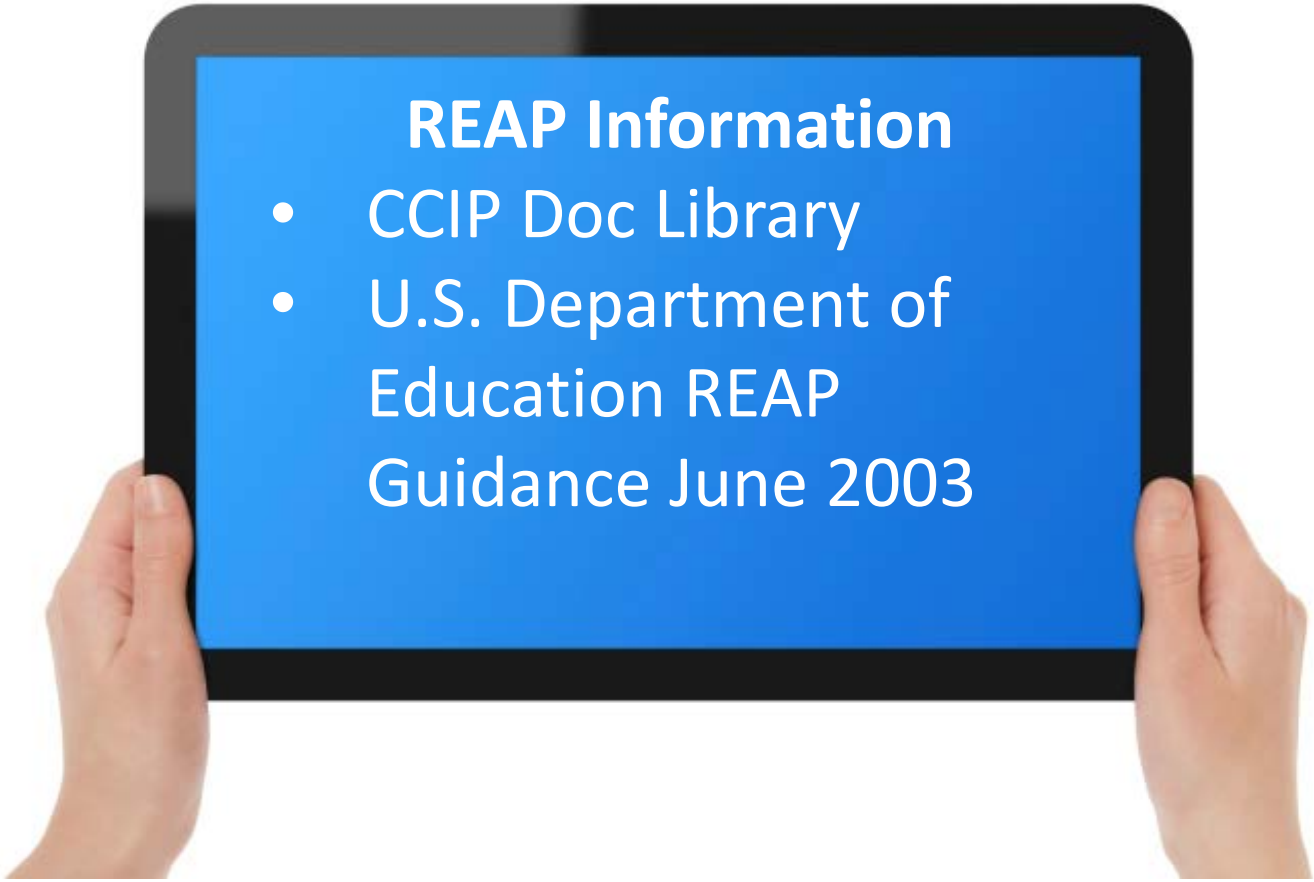
Contact Information

- GAPS Hotline: 1-888-336-8930
- Gaps Web Site: http://e-grants.ed.gov
- REAP Web Site: http://www.ed.gov/nclb/freedom/local/reap.html
- REAP SRSA Web Site: http://www.ed.gov/programs/reapsrsa/eligibility.html
- E-Payments Web Site: http://e-grants.ed.gov/egHome.asp
- USDE Web Site: http://www.ed.gov/programs/reapsrsa/eligibility.html
- Email Address: REAP@ed.gov; REAPSEA@ed.gov
- DUNS Number: http://www.omb.gov/grants/grants_docs

Contact Information

USDE Contacts:

- Lisa R. Ramirez, Ed.D. (Acting Director) 202-401-0039
  lisa.ramirez@ed.gov
- Collette Fisher (Group Leader) 202-401-0039
- Eric Schulz (Team Leader) 202-260-7349
  eric.schulz@ed.gov
- Robert Hitchcock (Program Officer) 202-260-1472
  robert.hitchcock@ed.gov
- U.S. Department of Education
  Office of School Support and Rural Programs
  400 Maryland Ave., SW, Room 3W103
  Washington, DC 20202
  Toll Free: 800-872-5327; Fax: 202-205-5870


REAP Information
• CCIP Doc Library
• U.S. Department of Education REAP Guidance June 2003


education.ohio.gov

Social Media

facebook — Ohio Families and Education
Ohio Teachers' Homeroom

LinkedIn — ohio-department-of-education

Storify — storify.com/ohioEdDept

twitter — @OHEducation

YouTube — OhioEdDept